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Hostels to be set up in every town

Network of homes for lone mothers

By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

A NATIONAL network of special hostels to house teenage mothers, with a home in most towns, is being planned by the Government. Grandparents might also be paid to look after the illegitimate children.

Ministers believe that hostel · life would give single mothers companionship and prevent hem leading isolated lives in a ouncil flat or bed-and-break-ist accommodation.

But they are aware that crits will see the idea as a return) Victorian days when "fallen women" were sent away to large safe houses, and they in-sist that no one would be forced into a home against her will Rather, the aim is to allow women to use the hostels for a transition period to help them to move from a life on benefit into work, and places might be available for girls deserted by their boyfriends, the homeless, or for those who can-

not live with their families. They would have access to health visitors and would also be offered child care to allow study at a local college or train-

The hostels network would be part of an action plan to deal with a growing problem that has left Britain with one of the highest proportions of unmarried teenage mothers in the world.

Whitehall's social exclusion unit is to put forward a number of ideas a report to the Prime Minister by the end of next week, and a final blueprint for change is expected before Easter.

Other elements might include cash incentives to encour-

Boy, 2, and his

father snatched

A British oil worker, Martin

Westbury, and his two-year-

old son were taken hostage

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age parents to help to rear their grandchildren. Officials have found that the children of teenage mothers brought up within the extended family are tend to be have good health and do better at school.

Ministers have looked at the whole gamut of teenage pregnancy, and other recommer tions will include greater advice on contraception as well as more information for both boys and girls about commitment in personal relation-

schools would aim to give girls most vulnerable to becoming young mothers — often those struggling with their work or uninterested at school - extra attention. They might also be given special lessons by former teenage mothers to dispel any myths that a baby is a glamorous accessory or a

route to greater independence. Girls discovering that they are pregnant would be given advice on the choices they face, including adoption and

One minister said last night "We are determined to be flexible and to offer a range of help to young mothers who find themselves in many different circumstances."

A broad approach was also advocated before Christmas in a special research project Teentoomes by the independent Policy Studies Institute.

That found that most teenage mothers became so by acci-dent. Professor Isobel Allen, a oint author of the report, said: "I favour a broad approach there is no single solution. The real challenge will be to provide extra child care and for many more opportunitites for study, training, and retraining for the mothers to get into

The report was prompted by Tony Blair who is alarmed by the scale of teenage pregnancy in Britain. A recent American survey showed that 87 per cent of the 41,700 babies born to 15 to 19-year-olds in Britain were outside marriage, compared with 62 per cent in the United

Figures published by the Government before Christmas confirmed that more than 94,000 teenage girls give birth in Britain every year, including 9,000 aged under 16.

While 31 out of 1,000 livge births in Britain were to women under 20, the comparable West European figures were sevennin Swizerland, nine in France, eight in Italy, and seven in The Netherlands.

Mother and child, page 2

US hint at Kosovo autonomy deal

FROM TOM WALKER IN RAMBOUILLET, FRANCE

yesterday by armed youths who commandeered the MADELINE ALBRIGHT sugspeedboat they were board-ing in Nigeria. The youths gested yesterday that the eth-nic Albanian delegation at the are believed to have demand-Kosovo peace talks was ready ed money. Another Briton, to sign the Contact Group pro-Jim Simpson, was taken hos-tage by youths last week and has still not been freed. posal for an autonomous province within Yugoslavia.

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Based on my talks with the Albanians they recognise that the plan is a fair deal," she said after a hectic day in Paris in which international pres-sure mounted on Belgrade to adopt a more conciliatory negotiating line that could stave off the threat of Nato air-

A new form of wording enshrining Kosovo's place within Yugoslavia was being formulated in an attempt to mollify the Serbs, diplomats said. Earlier in the day European ministers agreed a provisional aid package for Kosovo worth 500 million euros (£350 million), aimed at reconstruction

and refugee rehabilitation.

Contact Group ministers then swiftly agreed to allow the peace talks to continue for a further week, with the deadline for a final deal now set for

next Saturday. Mrs Albright, in combative mood, began her day by calling both the Serb and Albanian delegations together at the Chateau Rambouillet — their first direct meeting in a week. She told President Milutinovic of Serbia that his country was again at the brink of disaster, but she also reassured the Serbs that Kosovo's independwas not

Robin Cook, the Foreign Sec-retary, said that Russia appeared to join a Nato-led force, probably to be called KFOR, as long as both Serbs and Albanians signed the peace plan.

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St Valentine's Day yesterday. Their wedding was on the Royal Fleet Auxiliary support ship Fort Grange, moored off

Valentine's Day brides

cal leave is allowed, the couple will spend their honeymoon on a training course on the is-

able to practise their hobby of

In Britain, register offices in several towns opened for the first time on a Sunday to mark St Valentine's Day. There were 20 weddings at Wandsworth in South London and 16 in Southampton. The chapel at Greina Green also opened

Village shocked by deaths

A RETIRED teacher and her husband were found dead at their Oxfordshire village home yesterday, shortly before they were due to attend their weekly church service. Joan Lawrie was found in her bedroom, while her husband Martin's body was on the patio below. Both had suffered massive head injuries.

The couple are believed to have died on Saturday, but the there may have been some sort alarm was not raised until llam yesterday when the of domestic dispute and that Lawries' next-door neighbour Mr Lawrie may have fallen saw a body on the patio and from an upstairs window.

"Martin and Joan were such lovely, wonderful people, who gave their life to God and we gather here bemused, perplexed and bereaved."

the Croatian port of Split. The vessel serves peacekeeping land of Brac where they will be for business. By Adrian Lee thought Mr Lawrie had col-The Lawries, both in their lapsed in his back garden. seventies, had been married But when ambulancemen for more than forty years and arrived, they found that both had a daughter and a son. Mr Lawrie and his wife were They were respected memdead. Mrs Lawrie not only bers of Freeland Methodist had serious head injuries, be-Church, which they attended lieved to have been inflicted with a hammer, but her neck church every week, and yester-day afternoon the Rev Stainer had also been slashed. Smith said prayers for the couple. He told a congregation of The motive for the deaths was not clear last night, but a about 20 that the "shattering police source said: "We have news" had devastated the not launched a murder inquiry." It was believed that

Off-piste skiing banned in avalanche alert

FRENCH authorities are threatening off-piste skiers in the Alps with criminal proceedings as part of a safety clampdown in the busiest week of the

Skiers, walkers and climbers found off-piste in the Chamonix valley will be arrested when they return to their hotels and fined as part of the crackdown, which comes after a week in which 19 people died in the region.

The avalanche danger is rated at maximum after the heaviest snowfalls

for 50 years, and the French authorities are like before going off on their snow-have issued a special warning to the boards or up the information." 50,000 Britons are expected to head for the Alpine resorts for the half-term holiday. Sergeant-Major Gilles Trousselier of the Chamonix gendarmerie said "We advise everyone, but notably the British, to be especically vigilant because there are many accidents that

can be avoided. "The British may not be more reckless than anyone else, but they are less well informed about the weather conditions and so they are more dangerous. They must find out what the conditions

At least six Britons have died in the French Alps over the past two weeks, including Catherine Ovington, 26, from Cheltenham, who was caught in an avalanche on Friday after staging an off-piste snow-boarding race above Val d'Isère. She was hit by a 150ft wall of

snow travelling at about 80 mph. Ms Ovington's death was one of a series of incidents which prompted the bylaw banning off-piste skillig climb-ing and walking in most of Hame-

above the resort of Chamonix. Offenders caught off-piste in the next three days face a fine of up to £100.

The Haute-Savoie Prefecture said that it had ordered rescue teams, who natrol the mountains by helicopter, to notify police and the gendarmerie of off-piste skiers. They would be arrested

when they returned to their hotels. However, the move brought immediate protests in Chamonix, where ski lift operators threatened to strike in protest while hotels, restaurants and other businesses expressed concern about the loss of custom.

Ulster peace 'in jeopardy' after Ahern's **IRA** remarks

By AUDREY MAGEE AND JILL SHERMAN

BERTIE AHERN, the Irish Prime Minister, was last night accused of jeopardising the Northern Ireland peace process after suggesting that Sinn Fein be barred from sitting in Ulster's new government until the IRA began to decommis-

On the eve of today's debate on Northern Ireland's new assembly, Mr Ahern publicly sid-ed with Unionists and insisted that the IRA hand over weapons before Sinn Fein is al-

lowed to sit on the executive. But Sinn Pein was so angered by the comments that the Irish Government was forced to back down and say that Mr Ahern's remarks had been misinterpreted.

All sides voiced fears that the comments, designed to give impetus to today's discussions, could backfire and destablise the peace process. The Northern Ireland Office and Downing Street, while privately encouraged by the remarks, kept a low profile, refusing to get involved in such a

Mr Aheen faced criticism in blin and is expected to plain himself. John Bruton, Fine Gael leader and a former prime minister, said: "The Taodifferent things on the most sensitive political issue currently facing this country."

David Ervine of the Progres-

sive Unionist Party said: "I hope he knows what he's doing. If he's successful in helping to break the impasse then

that would be great. "But the danger is: what if it doesn't succeed and we have a retreat from the agreement by

Sinn Fein and the Provisional IRA? That would be as bad as having a retreat from the agreement by Unionists." Mitchell McLaughlin of Sinn Fein said the comments

were "a very, very serious de velopment indeed". Sinn Fein was particularly furious because it has always regarded Mr Abern as the leader of Irish nationalism

and an ally.
But Mr Ahern, having failed to secure written or verbal guarantees from Sinn Fein on a start date for decommissioning, decided to take a tougher line publicly than previously. His comments were the clearest indication yet that the Irish Government is losing patience with the Provisionals. In an interview with The Sunday Times he made clear that it was impossible for Gerry Adams and his colleagues to take up ministerial seats in

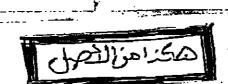
guns and explosives were handed over: "Our view is that decommissioning in one form or another has to happen. It is not compatible with being a part of a government, and part of an executive, if there is not at least a commencement to decommis-

the new administration unless

sioning," he said. Sinn Pein leaders held franwhile Mr Abern went to Sunday Mass, leaving his officials to defend him. But Mr Ahem sought to placate Sinn Fein last night and told RTE news that his position on decommissioning had not changed.

He said: "I never used the word 'barred'. . . I have had so many meetings with Sinn Fein that they know precisely what the Government's position is."

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Train delays blamed on demand

Arthur Leathley says rail managers are braced to clash with John Prescott next week over punctuality

RAIL passengers face the prospect of longer delays or fewer trains as the railway industry wrestles with

a growing congestion crisis. Senior rail managers will warn John Prescott next week that his demands for immediate improvements in punctuality are unrealistic, given his calls for train firms to carry record numbers of passen-

The rail industry is braced for a stormy public meeting with Mr Prescott on February 25, at which he will lambast some firms for running too many late trains. But senior managers will use the meeting

to point out additional problems caused by the Transport Secretary's demand for a 15 per cent in-

crease in passenger miles by 2002. They say that each one per cent increase in passenger numbers leads to a 2.5 per cent increase in delays because of the higher volume of

Train companies will argue that a reduction in frequency is a key short-term solution to the punctualisenger groups are already resigned to a reduction in services by some companies with punctuality and cancellation problems.

Operators will tell Mr Prescott that he should be wary of making unrealistic demands for punctuality improvements until rail bottlenecks are eased over the next five years. Although plans will be announced next week to clear up 50 bottlenecks, several of Britain's busiest commuter companies are drawing up proposals to remove trains

from service to ease congestion. Most of the worst congestion blackspots are around London, in Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Glasgow, Bristol and on the busy East Coast and West Coast mainline routes.

Rail executives expect to hit a post-war record for passenger journeys in the next two years, although the network is only half the size it was at the previous peak in

what can be achieved," said one director of a London commuter service. "We have increased the numbers of passengers, and trains, but we get clobbered evey time there are more delays. The only solution is to cut the number of trains." However, train firms' franchise agreements forbid any reduction below British Rail levels:

Although Railtrack has a £17 billion investment programme to improve the network, including some 80 congestion blackspots, many of the most serious changes will not be completed until 2004. Gerald Corbett, Railtrack chief

executive, said that the company was drawing up an urgent hit-list of the worst trouble-spots to reduce delays, Almost 2 million minutes' delay is caused by problems at 84 heavily used blackspots. "We are getting much better at identifying the problem areas. The problem is that the industry didn't plan as well as we could have done for growth."

Railtrack will fall slightly below

its target of reducing its own delays by 7.5 per cent this year, partly be-cause of increased delays on the heavily congested London lines and poor maintenance work on the Great Western line between London and South Wales. However. it is expected to escape a fine from the rail regulator, although the sanction could be used if he is not satisfied with Railtrack's efforts.

Chiltern Railways, which runs services from Birmingham to London, will be the first to reduce train frequencies - by 10 per cent - despite a 15 per cent increase in pas-

Clarke warns Tories not to drift further to the Right

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke warned the Tories yesterday not to drift further to the Right in an attempt to revive the party's fortunes. He urged William Hague to bring forward newpolicies and to start selling the

party more positively.
The former Tory Chancellor's comments came as Tony Blair suggested that Mr Clarke should become leader of the Conservative Party and overturn its Eurosceptic

Mr Clarke welcomed Mr Hague's visit to the US to meet George Bush Jr, the Republi-can governor of Texas, who swept to power on "compas-

sionate conservatism". Asked about the Tories' perceived drift to the right since Mr Hague took over from John Major as party leader. Mr Clarke said: "I'm very glad that William Hague has made his visit to Texas to discover that this is not the approach



Clarke: said Hague must sell the Tories positively

that George Bush Junior, the most successful centre-Right politician, has adopted."

Mr Clarke told BBC Radio 5 Live that those in the party who were "tempted to believe that following Newt Gingrich and having clear blue water between ourselves and new Labour" should take note. He also said that people wanted "strong Government", but not along Blairite lines.

In an interview with the Sunday Telegraph, Mr Blair said that he believed Mr Hague would be removed as Tory leader because he had failed to resolve the party's internal split over the single currency. When asked whether he

hoped that Mr Clarke would defect to the Labour party, Mr Blair said: "It's in the interests of the country that people like Ken Clarke take back the Conservative party. It's not in the interests of the country that the Conservatives are moving further and further to the

Mr Clarke, who has never ruled out leading the Tories, said that 1999 was the year in which his party had to make comebacks in the European and local government elect, tions radiscover its purpose and start selling itself more effectively. But he said that the nent nectic re political events" made the Conservatives' task even more diffi-

"If the Opposition don't instantly revive they then get into extremely bad publicity for not doing so," he said.



Sami Khatun and her son Ashaan: she wanted "to be loved by somebody"

When mother is little more than a child

erhood before they have had the opportunity to develop their own adult identity poses acute problems for many teen-

age mothers. When she had her first child at the age of 16, Sami Khatun had little self-confidence and virtually no knowl-

edge about childcare. She became pregnant, she said, because she wanted "to

be loved by somebody".
"I wanted to give my love to: somebody, someone that nobody could take from me," she

She got married after her fa-ther had died and she had been living in care for a year. Soon after her marriage she became pregnant, hoping that a child would help cement her relationship with her husband. It did not. He left a week after her son, Robbie,

"I did not know how to be a mother - what to do if my child had nappy rash or if he was teething, sometimes he just seemed to be crying," she

Ms Khatun, now 22, lived with her mother immediately after Robbie was born, but moved into her own flat by the time she was 17. "I don't think my mum really understood - she wanted me to do

everything her way," she said. Three years ago, Ms Khatun had a second son, Ashaan. She has been helped since tary organisation, Newpin, which runs 16 day centres for parents throughout the coun-

pressed by Newpin's approach. Run mostly by moth-

COMING to terms with moth- ers who have themselves had to cope with stressful parenting experiences, Newpin aims to break cycles of destructive family behaviour. It offers training in parenting skills, family play pro-grammes and support and advice for parents in a friendly and non-judgmental at-

> Ms Khatun attends the Newpin centre in Hoxton. north London, most days of the week, where she meets other mothers and receives training and support. It has helped restore her self-esteem and given her ambi-

tions for the future. "I was becoming really isolated before I came here. I went to a playgroup after I had my first son, but they took one look at me and asked me if I was his sister. I did not feel welcome. "Now, at Newpin, I am

about to do a personal development course, learning about building up my confidence — Ashaan's father used to put me down all the time. After that I want to do a health and social studies course and then I want to do voluntary work with teenagers," she said.

She is unenthusiastic

about some of the Government's proposed plans for teenage mothers, and feels there would be significant stigma attached to a stay in a special hostel or mother and

In a mother and baby unit you would feel you were being judged and looked down upon. You would have to do everything by their rules and they could treat you like a child," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF Lockerbie extradition anticipated.

Britain said at the weekend that attempts to extradite the two Lockerbie suspects to stand trial in The Netherlands "could be approaching the end

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, voiced strong hopes that a breakthrough was imminent, following reports by Saudi Arabian and South African mediators that Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader. had agreed that the two suspects, Abdel Baset Ali al-Meg-rahi and Lamine Khalifa Fhimeh, could serve their sentences in Scotland if convicted.

Edward 'title'

A report that Prince Edward will become Duke of Windsor upon his marriage to Sophie Rhys Jones in June was dismissed as "wild speculation" by Buckingham Palace. The Prince, who produced a television documentary on the last Duke of Windsor in 1996 entitled Edward on Edward, isaid to be fascinated by the life of his great-uncle Edward-VIII, who took the title after abdicating in 1936.

Plea to Princess

The Princess Royal was vesterday urged not to resign from the International Olympic Committee by the other British member of the body. Craig Reedie, who is also chairman of the British Olympic Association, said the Princess could have a "very valuable role" in the restructuring of the organisation, which has been hit by been hints that the Princess is reviewing her IOC membership.

Tank death

Army experts are examining a tank which was being driven by military enthusiasts when it rolled over, killing a woman and injuring her husband and two other men. The 17-tonne armoured vehicle was negotiating a sharp bend on a moorland road near Buxton, Derbyshire, on Saturday, when it rolled 20ft down a steep bank into a field. The woman, who was in her 20s and came from Milton Keynes, died instantly.

No consultants

Nearly 10 per cent of doctors who have been studying to become specialists have been unable to take their final exams; because no consultants are available to test them. Nearly 100 candidates who had been studying for more than five years to become members of the Royal College of Physicians were expecting to take their finals last month. Instead they will now have to wait un-til May.

Dirty dozen?

Officials of Rotherham's Rosehill Press League are investi-gating a complaint that a pub team, Dene Brook, played with 12 men when it won only its second match of the season. League secretary Don Mat-thews said: "It's amazing really that they seem to have played the whole match with an extra man on the pitch. What makes it even more bi-zarre is that the referee noticed

Row over marriage tax Ministers accused in food row

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservatives last night hit out at reported government plans to abolish the married couples' tax allowance, claiming it should be strengthening marriage.

It will be followed up today by a campaign suggesting that Labour has introduced £40 billion of tax rises "by stealth". The Treasury refused to comment on reports that the Chancellor was to announce the abolition of the tax allowance in his March Budget. The move would, however, be consistent with the Government's steps so far to reduce

the value of the allowance, which will fall again in April. Francis Maude, the shadow chancellor, said that the abolition of the married couples' ailowance would send the wrong signals to the country. The married couples' allow-

ance is virtually the last recognition in the tax and benefits system of the special status of marriage and the importance of it." he said.

As part of the new campaign. Mr Maude will list backdoor taxes which he claims will raise the tax burden by £40 billion by the end of the next Parliament, including the phasing out of MI-RAS, cutting pension fund tax reliefs by £5 billion and raising petrol duties.

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE Government was yesterday accused of misleading consumers by claiming that only four types of genetically modi-fied foods are on sale to the public in Britain. Another 13 enzymes have been licensed, says the pressure group Gene-Watch, which obtained its information from the food manufacturing industry.

The genetically modified rennet used to make vegetarian cheese is now also used in the production of much of the British hard cheese in shops, but the Government has insisted that only four types of genetically modified foods are on the mar-ket in Britain.

Nick Brown, the Agriculture Minister, in an MPs' briefing on February 10, said:
"There are four GM products on sale in the UK; tomato paste, vegetarian cheese, soya and maize, but GeneWatch has obtained a list of another 13 enzymes made by genetically modified micro-organisms for use in food processing. The list was provided by the Association of Manufac-

turers of Fermentation Enzyme Products. Like the rennet substitute which was created for vegetarian cheese, the other enzymes are used to process food but will have disappeared by the time it is eaten. Since ministers have included vegetarian cheese when informing consumers which genetically modified products are on sale, GeneWatch believes they should have disclosed the missing 13.

Ministers have been accused of playing down the importance of the rennet substi-tute, called chymosin, by describing it as an ingredient of "vegetarian cheese"

Sue Mayer, director of GeneWatch, said: "It's strange that the Government is saying 'vegetarian cheese' when other cheese is made the same way. We are concerned that the full facts should be there for people."

Lib-Dem contender would negotiate with Tories

ONE of the possible contenders to take over from Paddy Ashdown has committed what these days is a here-sy among Liberal Democrats: David Rendel has declared that if no party won an overall majority in the Commons he would be ready to do a deal with the Conservatives.

"If there was no majority I think we would certainly need to consider negotiating possibly with both parties," he says. So if he became Liberal Democrat leader, would he be prepared to abandon Mr Ashdown's and Tony Blair's dream of a centre-left alliance? "It would be hopeless to say we would inevitably negotiate only with David Rendel might take party on new path, writes Mark Inglefield

Labour'; it entirely depends on the parliamentary arithmetic."

The candour is refreshing, even if it goes against what Mr Ashdown has been saying since Mr Blair became Labour leader in 1994. But it's probably a smart move. If Mr Rendel has a problem it is that few people know This may change. One of his sup-

porters suggested last week that the

other hopefuls would drop out "quite

soon" and it would become a "two-

horse race between Charles Kennedy

and David. If he raises his profile it could be a close-run thing." If he enters the contest - and he

has yet to decide - Mr Rendel will have his work cut out beating Mr Kennedy, the party's ubiquitous media darling. But Mr Rendel. 49, is relaxed about this. "I don't set out to wow the masses," he says. "But I think it would be a pity if the leadership is determined over who appears best on Have I Got News For You.

"What's clear is that those who've

appeared in the past most on televi-

sion will in effect start at an advantage," he says. "But by the time the election takes place there will be a lot of people among the potential candidates who will be vastly better known than they are now."

He very much hopes, he says, that the leadership contest, which will take place when Mr Ashdown stands down in June, does not turn into an almighty scrap.

Mr Rendel entered the Commons in 1992, with a huge majority in the Newbury by-election that followed

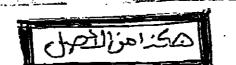
the death of the sitting Tory MP; before that he worked as a middle manager for various big companies. His wife is a GP in his constituency.

Mr Rendel is an Old Etonian and a former Oxford rowing Blue. Could his background count against him? "It definitely doesn't seem to have worked against Old Etonians in the past," he observes. "Two of our last four leaders have been old Etonians

 Jeremy Thorpe and Jo Grimond." Indeed, it was his comfortable background that led him towards a career in politics. "I always felt that I had a duty in a way to give back something of what I've been given."



SEEING THE LIGHT.



For you, the war should be over

German minister and British historians clash over national myths, reports Tony Paterson

BRITISH historians defended the nation's feelings over the Second World War yesterday, after a leading German politician complained that the lan-guage of the 1940s was still be-ing used to decry his country. Michael Naumann, Culture

Minister in the Social Democrat-led Government of the Chancellor, Gerhard Schrö der, accuses the British press of an "almost grotesque" porral of Germany as a nation in which "a new fascist government might come to power and march all over Europe again". Speaking to The Times yesterday, he added: "I totally agree that without England's finest hour. I probably wouldn't be talking to you. The question remains whether the picture of Germany should

remain for ever ensconced and em-balmed in the myths and phrases of World War Two. 'Think of poor old

Franz Beckenbauer. one of the most elegant players in the game [of football] and the only metaphor you had available for him was to call him a panzer."

He also claimed the British had wrongly elevated Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the i sert Fox, into a superhero. Herr Naumann, 55, had said: There is only one nation in the world that has decided to make the Second World War a sort of spiritual core of its national self, understanding and

However, Alan Clark, the military historian and Conservative MP whose works include Barbarossa - Soviet German Conflict, said: "The Germans would probably have made it the centre of their spiritual core if they had been victorious.

Peter Clarke, Professor of Modern British History at Cambridge, and author of Hope and Glory: Britain 1900-1990, said: "I think all nations have some part of their history which becomes a crucial part of their national with, and hence of their sense

French Revolution is central. It may well be true that the Secand World War, which was a pivotal moment for Britain, does loom bright and large. I don't think it's anything deplorable as long as it is not a purely nostalgic, back-looking

John Keegan, former senior lecturer in war studies at the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst, whose books include A History of Warfare and The Second World War, said: "We are obsessed with the war. On the other hand, we have a right to be obsessed because, although we were lucky to be an island, we were the only people who did the right thing in 1940. The whole of Europe, with a few honourable exceptions, collaborated

with the Germans. If it hadn't

been for us, we would have a

European Union of a very

much nastier sort. For the last

40 or 50 years, the Germans

dare not say things like that.

This is an expression of re-

newed German self-confi-

dence, probably having to do

with the fact that the euro is

David Astor, the former Ob-

server editor, who served in

the war with the Royal Ma-

now in place."



rines and was awarded the Croix de Guerre, said: "We probably do go on thinking of them as Jerries. In a way it was our high spot.

Standing alone against the Nazis, we were in an incredible situation. I can quite understand how the Germans are a country that wishes to forget the last war more than anybody else." Herr Naumann

said that Britain was a country

in which interpretations of the Second World War had be-

come mythologised and that

publishers and newspapers

continued to churn out huge

amounts of material about the

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roic" notion of themselves.
"The picture of this nation is almost grotesquely defined. Par-ticularly during the Thatcher years, the British press played on lingering fears that a new government might come to power and march all over Europe again. This totally underestimates the trauma of the Third Reich," he said. Reflecting the views of Chancellor Schröder, Herr Nau-

mann said that he was particularly irritated by recent attacks in Britain's tabloid press on Germany's left-wing finance minister, Oskar Lafontaine. In one front-page article in The Sun, Herr Lafontaine was described as a "Gauleiter" and "the most dangerous man in Europe" after he suggested that tax rates throughout the European Community should be harmonised.

"Running around calling people in government Gauleiter - when they were only two years old when the war ended is extremely offensive. I say Stop, don't do this,

It only alienates our nations"," he said. Herr Naumann, who has lived in Britain, said that it was the British press and not the public or Government that had failed to come to

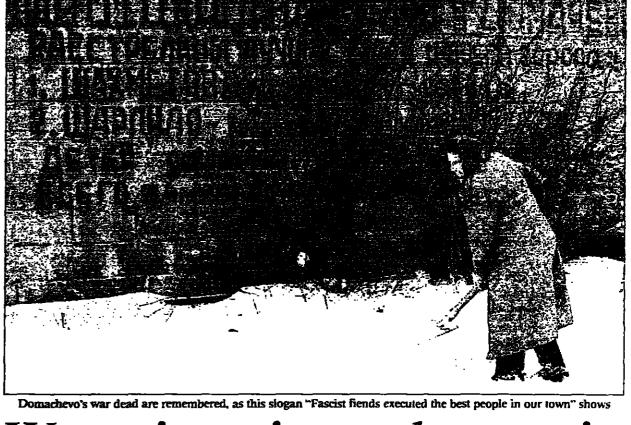
terms with World War Two. "Fleet Street's view has very little to do with the overall mood of the nation. ! simply do not believe in the automatic identity of a headline maker with the national psyche," he said.

Herr Naumann said that Germany had no difficulty coming to terms with the legacy of the Second World War and had been successful in safeguarding democracy. The German nation has done a good job in suppressing a re-surgence of Nazism in political life. However that does not mean that Nazis do not exist." ☐ Authorities in the eastern

German city of Guben yester-

day staged an anti-racist pro-

test after a 28-year-old Algeri-an asylum seeker was chased to his death by five neo-Nazi ern Russian in 1942. youths. The man bled to death Juries in normal criminal after slashing open a leg on a glass door in a block of flats while trying to flee his tormentors early on Saturday. Five youths aged between 17 and 18 were still in police custody yes-



War-crimes jurors know trip to Belarus is no holiday

Alan Hamilton on an Old Bailey trial that has moved to Eastern Europe

FOR the first time in British legal history, a jury hearing a criminal case left the country yesterday to hear and see firsthand evidence abroad.

The eight men and four women, accompanied by Mr Justice Potts, prosecution and defence legal teams and offi-cials from Court 12 at the Old Bailey, boarded a British Airways scheduled flight to Warsaw on the first stage of a journey to the former Soviet Republic of Belarus.

Only the defendant was missing. Anthony Sawoniuk. 77, a retired British Rail ticket inspector from South London who faces four specimen charges of murder, was not required to return to his native town of Domachevo, close to the Polish border, where the Crown alleges he participated in the extermination of Jewish men and women during the German occupation of West-

cases are carefully guarded to ensure they do not talk about the case while it is in progress. Taking the 12 abroad has involved a major undertaking to preserve their cordon sania London hotel on Saturday night before being taken by coach to Heathrow yesterday morning to fly to the Polish capitai.

They sat together in business class, interspersed withthe ushers and court officials looking after them. Mr Justice Potts sat at a window seat for the 2%-hour journey.

When the aircraft landed at Warsaw the iurors were kept in their seats while other passengers disembarked and went through passport con-trol. Only after the other travellers, including a group of journalists and cameramen had cleared the terminal building were the jury escorted off the aircraft. They were taken to a hotel in central Warsaw where an entire floor had been reserved. Polish police had offered to guard the floor but court officials said this would not be necessary.

Today they board a coach for a three-hour journey thourgh Eastern Poland to cross into Belarus at the frontier town of Brest. There they will spend another night in a hotel before being taken tomorrow morning to Domaspend several hours in the town, being shown a number of relevant sites. While in Belarus they will act as a fully constituted court just as though they were sitting at the Old Bailey, although with winter temperatures on the steppes dropping to minus 25C, they

ferences. When the jury was empan-elled last Monday, the judge told them that their visit would be no holiday and that they must take their warmest clothing. He also told them that if they or their families

will be aware of the dif-



Sawoniu: accused of

had suffered as a result of Germany's actions against Jews or other races or religions, it would be better if they did not serve on the jury.

The case has been brought under the 1991 War Crimes Act. a rare piece of retrospective legislation. The visit to Belarus is at the request of the defence team, led by William Clegg. QC, and is unprecedented.

Only once has there been anything remotely similar. Seven years ago a Scottish Civil Court sat in Lithuania to hear evidence against a former Lithuanian police commander who had been accused in a television documentary of murdering Jews in occupied Eastern Europe.

Anton Gecas, then 83, a retired mining engineer from Edinburgh, was the first per-son to defend himself against war-crime allegations in a British court. The Crown abandoned plans for a criminal prosecution after Lord Rodger Earlsferry, the Lord Advocate, decided there was insufficient evidence on which to proceed, despite an investigation

Website offers advice on sex to youngsters

By Elizabeth Judge

A WEBSITE offering young people advice about contraception, sexually transmitted diseases and relationships has been opened by the Health Ed-

ucation Authority.
The LoveLife site, opened on Valentine's Day, is intend-for 16-24 year olds. Gail Porter, the television presenter, and two "agony aunt" column-ists answered questions from young people on-line yester-

The site aims to offer young people straightforward, nononsense advice. It addresses topics such as emergency con-traception, abortion and deciding when to have sex for the first time. It gives the location of sexual heath clinics and links up with other related sites. There is a series of "true and false" questions designed to dispel common myths. Rodney Amis, the Health

Education Authority's project manager, said: "Lovelife is designed to be fast, simple and accessible. We'd like young people to be able to dip in and out quickly if they want to, so it's not bogged down with

complex graphics that take ages to download." The Family Planning Association said the site was a good way of getting information across to young men.
"Lots of information about sex is targeted at girls and not enough at boys. The Internet is used by both sexes and it seems to be a medium that young people trust," a spokes-

Britain has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in Europe and it is essential that children have access to information. It is a fantastic idea." The website address is www.lovelife.hea.org.uk

Queen's horses sedated before royal parades

SOME of the Queen's younger, friskier horses receive mild sedatives before royal parades to calm them, Buckingham Palace admitted yesterday.

Amid criticism by animal welfare groups, the palace dis-closed that the horses' feed is laced if they appear nervous before their introduction to ceremonial parades like the state opening of Parliament and Trooping the Colour.

Buckingham Palace said that the horses, used to draw

carriages carrying members of the Royal Family, were only given sedatives if they were unusually skittish. The Queen, who was star-

tled when a trooper from the Household Cavalry taking part in the royal procession to honour the visit of President Herzog of Germany last December was thrown from his restless horse, Reaveley, is aware of the practice. But allegations by a former livery groom of widespread

doping at the Royal Mews before major set-pieces were firmly denied. Tim Cunniffe, 27, a former

Household Cavalry trooper who served as a groom at the Royal Mews stables for nearly a year, claimed that the drugs were nicknamed "paste" be-cause they leave the horses "pasted or wiped out". He said: "Wonderful, lively



and the frisky Reaveley

horses were being turned into zombies. One minute they were frisky and bright-eyed and excited at performing their duties — the next their heads would fall, their eyes glaze over and they would be

sweating as if they had just run in the Grand National." Animal welfare groups have called for an inquiry by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons after an investigation by the Sunday People.

Jonathan Owen, a spokes-

man for the World Society for the Protection of Animals. said: "I am astounded. You shouldn't use these horses if you can't train them properly. Horses can be trained humanely. Saying the animals are young and frisky is no ex-

Reaveley, an II-year-old gelding, fell on top of his rider, Lance-Corporal Paul Salmon, in Windsor. It is understood the horse had not been sedated before the ceremony.

University student killed by meningitis

BY NICK NUTTALL

STUDENTS at Oxford Brookes University have been issued antibiotics, medical advice and a helpline number after a 19-year-old died from meningitis at the weekend. Adam Fryer, a first-year engineering student, was rushed to hospital on Saturday afternoon after dialling 999 but

died hours later. Professor Graham Upton, the university's vice-chancellor, said: "Our thoughts are with the family and friends of this student and our deepest sympathy goes to them."

Letters have been sent to all 550 students at Morrell Hall, outlining all the symptoms of the disease and giving details of an emergency helpline number. Brookes University said yesterday that officials from the Oxfordshire Health Authority were treating the

Celebrity chefs take cookery to the classroom

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

taught to make "baked bean volcano" by celebrity chefs this week as part of a government plan to show the children that there is more fun to cooking than processed microwaved food. The children will learn "coping skills" and to help parents at home to prepare a healthy balanced meal.

Anthony Worrall Thompson, Roz Denny, and other tele-

vision chefs will be taking their skills into 36 schools during the half-term holiday to teach children how to prepare celery, prawn and apple salad, and fruit pavlova for healthy suppers at home. Other recipes include "dracula beetroot with sultana savoury muffins, pineapple salsa, vegetable tortilla with guacamole gunge and keema lamb stuffed naan

The "Cooking for Kids" initi-

SCHOOLCHILDREN will be ative, which is to be launched today by Prue Leith and Tessa Jowell, the health minister, is a pilot scheme which will be extended to 100 schools at Easter and during the summer holi-

Children will also get the opportunity to prepare food on board the touring Royal Society of Arts Focus on Food Cooking Bus which has been fitted with a fully equipped kitchen. The bus will tour London, Manchester and Birming

Up to 3,000 children will be taking part in the £100,000 voluntary scheme, with some primary school children attending secondary school classes and teachers helping out.

Waitrose, the supermarket chain, has offered to supply all the ingredients free and the cheis have all agreed to work

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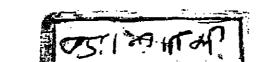
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Parliament to fight its corner in 'sleaze' libel case



Hamilton: denies that any conflict arises

THE Attorney-General has ordered that Parliament should be represented in the Court of Appeal when Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harreds, attempts to end the libel proceedings against him by Neil Hamilton, the former Conservative

The highly unusual move has been made because the case raises an unprecedented conflict between Parliament and the courts. Ross Cranston, the Solicitor-General, will appear for

Mr Hamilton sued after Mr Al Fayed alleged on Channel 4's A Question of Sleaze in 1997 that Mr HamilA rare clash with the courts is in prospect, writes Frances Gibb

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vouchers, cash and a holiday at the Paris Ritz from him. Mr Al Fayed took the case to the appeal court because the High Court last year rejected his argument that a verdict on the issues had already been given by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and that it was not open to the courts to question the judgment of Parliament.

Sir Gordon's report that the "cash for questions" affair involved a breach of the rules of the House of Commons was endorsed by Parliaton had accepted free shopping, gift . ment in 1997. Mr Al Fayed argues

would be a breach of Article 9 of the 1689 Bill of Rights, which provides: The freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in

In effect, Mr Al Fayed's lawyers argue. Mr Hamilton is seeking to impugn Parliament's supremacy. Mr Hamilton, who denies impropriety, argues that the Downey inquiry did not reach a definitive con-

was it in any sense a judicial forum,

any court or place out of Parliament."

that for the courts to question it applying the rules of due process that would be applied in a court. He had no right to cross-examine witnesses and no control over who was called as a witness, and was not allowed to be represented by counsel. There was no discovery process or process for

the disclosure of documents. Mr Hamilton said that he had no option but to pursue his libel action if he was to clear his name. "Mr Fayed is throwing any amount of money at this case . . . his tactic is to try to bleed us white." But it was essential, he clusion about his involvement; nor said, that the allegations were aired

in a court of law with its "completely different rules".

Sir Gordon had accepted evidence which a court would have rejected, he said. "We are not trying to second guess Parliament. That is not true. Even if the court came to a different. conclusion, that would not impugn a decision of Parliament because the standards committee did not come to a conclusion and if it did, it is a quite different kind of tribunal."

Lord Harris of High Cross, a founder president of the Institute of Economic Affairs, the free-market think-tank, is running a fighting fund to pay Mr Hamilton's legal bills, which could run to £500,000.

Church to

face Lords

over right

to property

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A PLANNING battle over a

patch of boggy land in a tiny

Oxfordshire village may re-

sult in landowners across Brit-

ain denying the public access to their property, the Church of England has said.

The Oxford diocese's battle

centres on the medieval princi-

ple of glebe land, property do-

nated to the Church to help to

pay for its clergy. It has re-

ceived planning permission to build two luxury homes on a small plot of glebe land next

to the parish church by the

River Stert but the parish

council at Sunningwell, near

lage green is illegal

said that the existence of a registered footpath across the patch of land had given rise to the impression that it was common land. "An adverse de-

cision in this case would have

major implications . . for oth-

er landowners all round the

country. Just as the Church

might have to take steps to pro-

tect its historic assets, the same would apply to very many sites." be said.

Professor hopes for access to 'tomb of Christ'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

AN OXFORD don could become the first person permitted to measure and record a burial site believed by some to be the tomb of Christ.

Martin Biddle, professor of medieval archaeology at Hertford College, has established that a tomb found in the fourth century under a Roman temple in Jerusalem could be where Jesus was placed on the evening of the crucifixion in about AD 33.

Granted exclusive night-time access to the Church the the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem Profes-sor Biddle and his Danish wife, Birthe, have untangled the complex history of the site and its tomb throughout the ages. Now he hopes that a badly needed restoration of the 19th-century structure around the tomb will be allowed to go ahead by the three separate churches that control the site.

That would allow access to the rock-cut tomb believed to lie behind it. It would establish for the first time whether, as is believed by scholars, the tomb genuinely dates from the first century. Such an investigation could unearth clues to the origins of

the tomb itself.

Professor Biddle gives an account of the tomb's history in *The Tomb of Christ* (Sutton Publishing), to be published next month. He said. Abingdon in Oxfordshire, backed by the Countryside on, is claiming the plot has been common land for so long that it should be designated a village green. The council has won the right to have its case heard at The structure above the tomb is in a fairly bad condithe House of Lords in April. If tion. A restoration would successful, it will stop the have to be fairly thorough, so houses being built because dethere would be quite a lot to velopment on a registered vilsee. But we have no idea yet whether the restoration is go-The Rev Richard Thomas

ing to go ahead."

The tomb is cared for by the Greek Orthodox, the Armenian and the Latin churches. Professor Biddle said: "Our overwhelming reaction is a sense of privilege at being allowed to investigate a place of such extraodinary sanctity, looked after by people whose entire lives are based on an acceptance of that sanctity."

Angry Carey insists he is fit for the job

THE Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday angrily dismissed a report that he was "emotionally and physically ex-hausted", and surprised even his own staff by suggesting that he may continue in office beyond retirement age.

Speaking after meeting the Pope, Dr George Carey said he was "fed up with this kind of mischievous rumour-mongering". The Right Rev Graham James, formerly on the archbishop's staff and now Bishop of St Germans in Cornwall, was quoted in The Sunday Times as saying that Dr Carey, 63, lacked the "enormous amount of stamina" needed for the job at a time of falling church numbers, defections to Rome and Anglican

in-fighting.
The archbishop described the report as absolute tosh. and said: "I am very vigorous and in very good form. People who talk like this should watch out: I am thinking of car-rying on until 2005. There is a lot of life left in me yet."

Aides said that the archbishop, who preached at All Saints Anglican church near the Spanish Steps yesterday on the difference between fact and interpretation", had previously refrained from telling even his closest officials whethArchbishop gives first indication

that he will stay

on after retirement age, reports Richard Owen

er he intended to continue past 65. "He has kept up a tremendous dawn-to-midnight pace during his three-day visit to Canon Richard Marsh, his secretary for ecu-

menical affairs, said. "He is in

fighting form." Dr Carey, who last met the Pope in December 1996, was in Rome to dedicate a new £200,000 headquarters for the 30-year-old Anglican Centre, housed in the imposing Renaissance Doria Pamphili palace, which also contains Italy's fore-

most private art gallery.
On Saturday hundreds of people lined the cobbled streets of the Trastevere quarrer of Rome to cheer Dr Carey as he visited the Community of Sant' Egidio, a Catholic centre for missions to the poor and the Third World. He also took part in a service at the nearby church of Santa Maria.

"The Anglican Pope prays in Rome" reported Corriere del-

Senior diplomats accredited to the Holy See said the crowds were unprecedented. There was nothing like this for any of his predecessors when they came to Rome, from Michael Ramsey to Robert Runcie," one said.

At his meeting with John Paul II, Dr Carey called for Christian unity in the run-up to the new millennium. The pontiff and the archbishop agreed to revive dialogue between the two churches, which has been hindered by disputes over the ordination of women and papal authority, by convening a conference in Canada in May next year.

Lambeth Palace said that the meeting would involve Anglican primates, including Dr Carey, and the heads of Catholic Bishops Conferences "from areas where there are significant numbers of Anglicans and Roman Catholics", includ-ing America and Africa. It will tackle subjects such as mixed

The Pope, 78 described as "sharp and lively", also agreed to work with Dr Carey to ease the persecution of Christians in Sudan and India and to relieve Third World debt.



The archbishop and the pontiff agreed to hold a conference to improve Church links

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Stars share lines in homage to female anatomy

GILLIAN ANDERSON, Cate Blanchett and Kate Winslet. stars of The X-Files, Elizabeth and Titanic respectively, were among the celebrities at the Old Vic in London last night for a Valentine's Day produc-tion of *The Vagina Mono-*logues, once described as "an 90-minute open letter to the female anatomy" (Dalya Al-

berge writes).
The production was a success in America and has been a box-office hit since it opened on January 26 at the King's Head in North London. where it continues until March 7. Last night's performance was in aid of six charities, including the Rape Crisis Line, and tickets cost between E100 and £500.

The performance of the play, written by Eve Ensler, an American, caused excitement because a number of men — including Damien Hirst — were allowed to tread the Old Vic's boards for the occasion, joining 14 women to read the lines.

Ensler based her play. about the sexual identity of women. on discussions with



would say if they could talk

200 women of all ages and races about what their vaginas would say if they could speak. One critic said "this short, clinical catalogue of how Entheir own genitalia gives navel-gazing a whole new mean-ing — and is surprisingly fresh, funny and beguiling". The piece is usually performed by Ensler on her own, but celebrities from stage, screen and literature joined her last night to share the lines of the monologues.

Top male athletes develop anorexia

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

tence in the pursuit of excellence, to the alarm of the authorities that run British sport.

The eating disorders anorexia and bulimia were known to have reached startling levels among elite British women runners but new evidence now indicates that they are also becoming common among men, who can suffer impotence when their hormone levels drop as a result.

A study of 200 leading women athletes, conducted by Leeds University in 1997. showed that at least 8 per cent had undergone treatment for eating disorders, a figure eight times greater than the average for that age group. It is now clear that more male athletes are seeking to lose weight in the belief that it will help them to run faster.

The incidence of eating disorders, in both male and female athletes, is known to be on the increase," UK Athletics, the sport's governing body in Britain, said in a news release last week. Alma Thomas, a performance consultant for UK Athletics, has counselled several members of the Great Britain team who have eating

"Alma says there are three or four top British men who have an eating disorder," said Peta Bee, the prime author of an advice leaflet to be distributed this month among athletes and coaches. "Men are not always aware of the warning signs. They can be quite embarrassing, like they cannot get an erection because their body fat is too low and their

SOME leading male interna-tional runners are starving themselves and risking impoand she tracks it back to an eat-

ing disorder."

Qualified coaches usually lack the knowledge to recognise or deal with eating disorders. The Eating Disorders Association has been asked to help to train coaches as coun-

"We have heard some disturbing stories," Bee said. "One coach has weigh ins for his athletes, all of whom are at international level, at the start of every training session. The most weight has to wear a pig mask to run in. It is putting the focus on weight rather than speed."

David Moorcroft, the for-mer 5,000 metres world record holder and now chief executive of UK Athletics, said that fastimproving standards in middle and long-distance runners put greater pressures on British athletes. "As the challenge of becoming the best in the world gets harder, there is an increasing danger, certainly in endurance events, that people will push closer towards the line of anorexia," he said.

The issue has prompted the British Olympic Association (BOA) to join with UK Athlerics and the Eating Disorders Association in staging an awareness conference on February 24. "It is something we are concerned about and the nutrition advisory group at the BOA has been looking across all the Olympic sports because we are concerned it is a real issue," Nick Fellows, general manager of the British Olympic Medical Centre, said.

Genetics fail to allay women's cancer fears

MANY women still worry about breast cancer in spite of being reassured by genetic experts that they are not at high risk of getting the disease (Elizabeth Judge writes).
A Cancer Research Cam-

paign survey questioned 282 women with a family history of cancer who had had counselling designed to reassure them about the risk. But after the

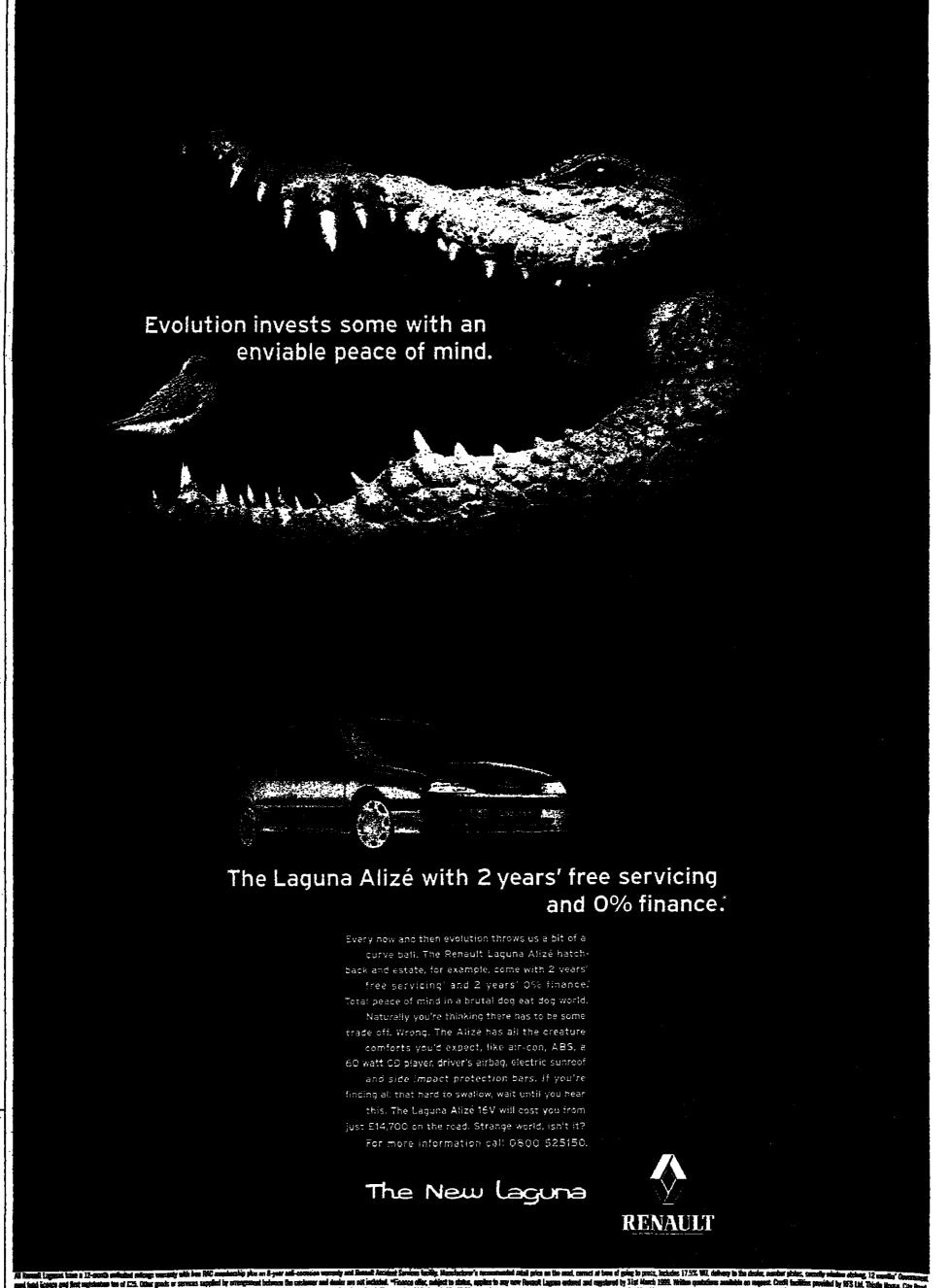
consultation a third of the women still thought that they had a high rather than moderate risk of developing cancer.

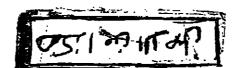
Dr Maggie Watson, of the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, which has set up a ge-netic counselling service, said: We need to work on getting the message about their real risk across to them and to allay any fears they may have."

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Rubbish on Shakespeare Beach at Dover. Litter along England's southwest coast doubled over the past year but Scotland has Britain's dirtiest beaches

Tourists blamed for big increase. in beach litter

TOURISTS, fishermen, ship-ping and flytippers are to blame for a worrying increase in beach pollution around Brit-ain, the 1998 Beachwatch survey has found

The level of litter and other waste on beaches has increased by 24 per cent since 1997 and has nearly doubled since 1994, the report's authors say. Tourist rubbish, such as crisp packets, drink cans and cigarette stubs, was up by more than 20 per cent over the 1997 survey and topped the lit-ter league in all regions, amounting to 36.7 per cent of

The highest levels of rub-bish were found in Scotland, which had 2,714 items per kilometre. The cleanest beaches were on the Channel Islands, where 1,242 items per kilo-

metre were picked up. Some beaches have deterioPollution levels along Britain's coastline up by 24 per cent in

one year, reports **Nick Nuttall**

rated sharply. Volunteers dis-covered that the beach be-tween the Don estuary and the Ythan estuary in Aberdeenshire had 4.6 items of rubbish per metre compared with 0.5 items in 1994. Sandhaven beach in South Shields, Tyne and Wear, had 0.4 items of rubbish per metre in 1994, but 4.4 last year.

Another problem beach is Spa Pavilion, at Felixstowe, Suffolk, which now has almost three times as much litter as

The survey's backers, the Marine Conservation Society and Reader's Digest, are calling on councils, water compa-nies, port authorities, the fishing and shipping industries and the Government to step up action against litter.

Samantha Pollard, of the Marine Conservation Society, said: "A plague of plastic litter is constantly spreading along our beaches and throughout the world's oceans, harming dolphins, seals, turtles and sharks, which become entangled in nets or fishing line and eat plastic pieces mistaken for prey. Plastic has consistently amounted to over 50 per cent of debris recorded for all our surveys."

Susannah Hickling, envi-ronment editor of Reader's Di-

dropped by visitors to our beaches. It is an easy problem to solve and if we don't dispose of our rubbish more carefully. we will be guilty of ruining our beaches for future generations and damaging our own tourist

economy." The survey, during which 3,344 volunteers cleaned 167km of 257 beaches in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern ireland and the Channel Islands, was carried out last

September. Levels of litter in Northern Ireland were found to have increased threefold since 1997. in England, the South West recorded the highest levels, with litter doubling since 1997. The North West and the Isle of Man was the second dirtiest region in England, recording the highest level of sewage-related debris. Litter levels in Wales were down by 20 per cent.

Graham Setterfield, the water services director for the industry group Water UK, said that the report provided evidence that progress was being made on reducing the levels of sewage on beaches.

This report clearly shows tourist debris is by far the principal cause of beach pollution. No one is doing more than we are to improve water quality around our coasts and no-one will be happier than the water industry when the problem of sewage-related debris is solved once and for all."

☐ Oil residue is still polluting the Welsh coastline three years after the Sea Empress tanker spill near Millord environmentalists Haven, have found. In research for Friends of the Earth, 16 sites were identified where deposits

- Bellyhoman, Co Down, with 69.4 items 2: Seaton Carew, Hartlepool, with 54.6 -
- 4: Coxside, Devon, with 42.2
- 5: Fleshwick, Isle of Man, with 41.8 6: Chapel Porth, Comwall, with 29,9
- 7: Leysdown-on-Sea, Kent, with 27.2 8: Little Falmouth Beach, Cornwall, with 27.1
- 9: Croyde-Down End, Devon, with 20.3 10. Chesil Cove, Dorset, with 17.7

NEWS IN BRIEF

ID required for chat show guests

The BBC has introduced new security measures to stop fake guests appearing on chat shows after reports that The Vanessa Show had featured models and actresses. All guests must now provide identification and sign a declara-tion that reads: "My contribution will be entirely honest and truthful. I am aware that the BBC may take legal action against me if I mislead the BBC or if my contribution mis-represents the facts."

Police accident

An 83-year-old man has been hit and killed by a police car in Leeds. Police said that the marked car was following a suspect in another vehicle when the accident happened about 9pm on Saturday in the

Love from grief

Jonathan Thompson, 33, whose wife Vikki was murdered walking her dog in the Cotswolds in 1995, has married her best friend in Hook Norton. Oxfordshire. Lyn Trowbridge. 42. comforted him after the unsolved killing.

Balloonists ready

The British balloonists Andy Elson, 45, and Colin Prescott, 48, hope to lift off this week from Almeria, Spain, to fly around the world, sponsored by Cable and Wireless. The rival Breitling Orbiter 3 is awaiting lift-off in the Swiss Alps.

Get back, Casbah

Liverpool's Casbah Coffee Club, where John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison made their first appearance together, is to be reopened to celebrate the fortieth club closed in 1962

Lives in danger for lack of grit

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

LIVES are heing endangered because local authorities cannot afford to grit country roads, it was claimed yester- 🖍 day on the BBCl programme CountryFile. which found that some councils have reduced their gritting budgets by hundreds of thousands of pounds.

As heavy frost affected many roads yesterday, it emerged that only major roads are gritted. Local authorities say that to cover minor roads, they would need four times their gritting budget.
Paul Watters of the Automo-

bile Association said: "About 700 people a year are killed or seriously injured on ice or snow-laden roads. "A fatality costs society a lot

of money and the costs and benefits of salting are, dearly, that it pays to save lives." But Chris Walker, of East Sussex County Council's highways maintenance department, whose gritting budget has been cut by £200,000, said that it could not afford to do

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salt all the roads, we'd need an extra £4 million," he said. A spokesman for the Highways Agency, which is responsible only for motorways and trunk roads, said later. "We put a priority on winter maintenance for safety reasons. Maintenance and safety are two of the factors which the Government has made priorities so, if anything, spending

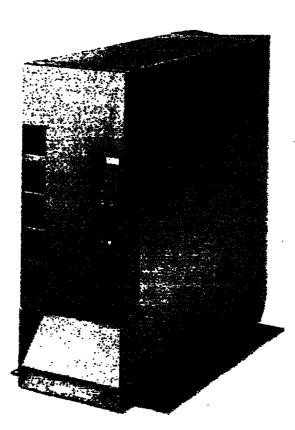
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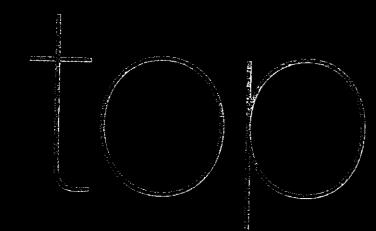


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Heritage usurps 'Cool Britannia'

The future of British tourism lies in the past, writes Mark Henderson

THE British Tourist Authority is to promote visits to Britain in 2000 with a brochure that celebrates two millennia of history rather than "Cool Brit-

Stung by criticism of its decision to drop the Union Flag from its logo and recent campaigns focusing on youth culture, the authority has placed Britain's heritage at the heart of its £3 million push to attract two million extra tourists in

The stars of the glossy 2000 Years Around Britain brochure, which will be launched in New York later this month. are images of Olde England rather than the Young Country — Blenheim Palace, St Paul's Cathedral and HMS

its pages are peppered with quotations from famous Britons such as Robert Louis Ste-

By Mark Henderson

DESCENDANTS of emi-

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victs will be targeted by a new

campaign to encourage for-

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Tourism chiefs hope to at-

tract thousands of extra visi-

tors from former colonies in a

promotion that will present

2000 as a litting time to take

stock of origins. The campaign

will focus on the United States.

Canada. Australia, New Zea-

In April the British Tourist

Authority is to publish a new

edition of its pamphlet Trac-

ing Your Ancestors and region-

al tourist boards will run their

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a "homecoming" drive around

tumn and Scotland is high-

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to "come home for the millenni-

um" and trace their roots.



Tradition topples trendiness in the new BTA brochure

and a time line picks out key dates and events in the country's history - the invasion of Claudius in AD 43, Bannockburn (1314), the building of the Iron Bridge (1779) and the Battle of Trafalgar (1805).

New millennium projects such as the Dome and the Low-

Exiled families urged

to dig into their roots

John Howard: proud of

his convict roots

gow. The BTA is expecting at

least 2.25 million more visitors

next year, bringing in an extra

El billion in revenue, because

Millennium Dome, The fami-

ly tree factor could swell

gy is particularly marked in

Australia, where a convict de-

scent has recently acquired

attractions such as the

ry arts centre in Manchester are included but many other symbols of modern Britain miss out - there is no place for the Angel of the North or Richard Rogers's Lloyd's Building

Deirdre Livingstone, millen-

Even the Prime Minister, John Howard, boasts proudly of his

criminal ancestry.

The BTA campaign will tie

in with plans for millennium

celebrations at the Public

Record Office and several fam-

ily history projects have won

millennium grants from the

Bill Lawson, who runs Co

Leis Thu? (Who do you belong

to?), a Gaelic archive in North-

ton on the Isle of Harris, said:

People are always attracted to tracing their roots at anniver-

He has records of more than

27,500 Hebridean family trees.

The archive, which Mr Law-

son runs with his wife, has

been awarded a £250,000 lot-

tery grant for a centre that will

open in April next year. If visi-

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saries and centennials,"

give visitors a full taste of what Britain's past has to offer. The 14-day grand tour takes in King Alfred's Round Table in Winchester, Salisbury Cathedral, the Cerne Abbas gi-ant, Bath, Tintern Abbey and Hay-on-Wye, the Welsh Marches and the Potteries, Roman Chester. Liverpool and Carlisle. It then ventures into Scotland, taking in Dumfries and Edinburgh before returning south to Oxford via the Yorkshire Dales and Lincoln.

had made a conscious decision

to exploit the depth of British histor, rather than rely on

The millennium will make

people think about their place

in history, and there is no coun-

try with a better story of the

last 2,000 years than Britain."

she said. "Britain's history re-

mains the prime reason why

people come to this country, and we forget that at our

Tourism chiefs are expect ing a visitor boom as a result

of the millennium, with an extra 2 million tourists likely to

spend up to \$2 billion more

100,000 and is aimed mainly

at the motoring market. sug-gests 15 itineraries that will

than they did last year. The brochure which will have an initial print run of

Other routes celebrate the Highlands and Islands: the Lowlands and the Borders: Northumbria (with an emphasis on its castles and Hadrian's Walls: and London.

Wales gets two routes, and Northern Ireland is included in a BTA brochure for the first time, though its suggested tour makes no mention of the Troubles.

Almost all the routes include hungry industries. elements that are carefully pitched at the crucial American market. Visitors to Northern Ireland are told about the Ulster-American Folk Park at the ancestral Mellon family home in Camphill, Liverpool is presented as the embarkation point for millions of emi-Stirling as the site of the key battle in the Hollywood film



Ring of confidence: the charity hopes that all ancient trees will receive the same care and affection as the Meavy Oak

Oldest trees win new friends

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

THE mighty oak on the vil-lage green at Meavy. Dart-moor is one of a small group of living things that saw in the last millennium. On New Year's Eve villagers will pour out of the Royal Oak pub, named after the tree, join hands around the trunk and serenade it with a chorus of Auld Lang Syne.

The Meavy Oak is one of fewer than 1.000 ancient trees that dot the British landscape. Some are well known. such as the Fortingall Yew in Perthshire which at about 3.500 years old is believed to be the oldest living thing in the British Isles. Other ancient trees have passed their lives in anonymity on private estates, out of the reach of developers and timber-

Now 200 tree specialists and enthusiasts have formed a charity to give advice on the management and conser-vation of aged trees. The Ancient Tree Forum is helping to compile a register of every tree in Britain more than 400 by government for help with



Villagers picnicking beneath the Meavy Oak in 1891

tor of the forum is Ted Green, a retired plant scientist who advises on conservation at Windsor Great Park. He said: "We want to raise the awareness of people at large that ancient trees are part of their heritage. Britain has the finest ancient treescape in Europe but it has suffered from the agricultural industries, disease, develop-

ers, pollution and storms." Britain has 80 per cent of the ancient trees left in Eutwelfth in a 13-strong league

of remaining semi-natural

nants include Burnham Beeches near Slough, Berkshire, which has trees several hundred years old the New Forest, where a wide variety of species are scattered over a vast area, and Windsor Great Park, which has an ineportant collection of oaks up to 1,000 years old.

These trees are reservoirs of great biological importance. Here we have living links with the past 1,000 what they have to tell us about longevity and resist-ance to disease," Mr Green

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He said ignorance was more of a problem than lack of funding. Few trees are as fortunate as the Meavy Oak. whose boughs have been cared for since 1930 thanks to money raised by villagers. Until recently it was widely believed that an old tree was dying when its trunk became hollow and its upper branch-es died back. It is now known that a hollow trunk is a natural and beneficial state for a healthy old tree.

"In the 1987 hurricane the old trees that were blown down were the ones with solid trunks. The hollow trees were able to bend and flex," Mr Green said. "A hollow tree is a refuge for all kinds of creatures.

Most of the ancient trees once had to work for their living. The hornbeams that ringed London and still survive in places such as Ep-ping Forest were pollarded to fuel thousands of ovens. Others were used for ship and house-building. Today many are neglected and in

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Carnival masks a serious political agenda

rudge recently ruled — to the approval of Rhinelanders — that a husband could not sue his wife for divorce merely be-cause she has been made pregnant by a random lover during carnival.

These are the "mad days", the *Tolle Tage*. in Catholic Germany, and while Cologne is not exactly Rio it does seem to hum with sexual energy. The partying began weeks ago but took off last Thursday on Women's Feast Night and comes to a climax today, Rose Monday, when in Cologne alone a million people are on the streets.

German Carnival has the same anti-clerical message as elsewhere in the world — a raucous, vulgar farewell to meat and the pleasures of the flesh before the 40-day Lent fast. But there has always been a political edge to German celebrations, and never more so than this year when Bonn holds its last carnival as a political capital.

Women's Feast Night began as a protest by the washerwomen of Beuel, whose job in the 19th century was to scrub the laundry of the grand hotels of Cologne and the



BY ROGER BOYES

work, badly paid, and they missed out on the drunken carnival carousing of the menfolk. So they formed their own carnival committee, elected their own powerful carnival princess and, according to leg-end, stormed the town hall. This event is re-enacted every

More importantly, women are allowed to run riot on this day. In ministerial offices women cut off the ties of their bosses in a castration metaphor. In the evening they abandon their husbands and go on noisy pub crawls.

For the past five years in the Rhineland, I have taken the moral high ground and Protestant, carnival-free part of Germany. This year, the last before the move to Prus-sia, I thought I would try to get to the bottom of it.

Is the carnival a truly antiauthoritarian, anti-establishment, anti-male domination jaunt? Is it merely a safety valve, a way of rationing German ribaldry to five days a year? Is it — a far more interesting question — a time of orgies, or is the sexual innuen-

disguised myself as a monk and joined the carnival session in Muffendorf. On the platform the jokes commuted between cracks about Monica, Les Dawson on misogyny ('my wife and I were perfectly happy for 20 years - then we met") and low-key political cabaret ("one good thing about having Rudolf Scharping as Defence Minister - we will never have a blitzkrieg"). Carnival soldiers marched on stage, flowers in the barrels of their fake muskets.

The carnival prince - a plump businessman who had paid tens of thousands of pounds for the privilege of being elected and wearing tights - greeted the revellers with more bad jokes. A transvestite



The carnival celebrations bring on the clowns in Düsseldorf yesterday. The revelry reaches its climax today

dancing troupe managed a Cher number. Below the platform I sat with a local dentist and his wife (both clowns), an interior decorator (Arab sheikh) and his increasingly tipsy wife (she-devil), the president of the international au on a central but subtly sepapair organisation (Gandhi) and his teacher wife (bad fairy) and other local dignitaries. The aristocratic family of the village, who once held vast estates in the Baltics, sat

rate table. The local MP (another clown) was remarkably restrained. The dancing became wilder, the lokes cornier, the flirtation more outrageous as the night wore on.

But both on and off the platform there was a strong underione of bitterness about

capital from Bonn. Almost everybody there was anchored to the Rhine-

the Prussians, the theft of the

coming year; there was something wrong, they felt, about Germany moving its centre of gravity eastwards. Carnival mocks authority but only in the manner of a court jester, a jester who is licensed to laugh for a week a year.

ologne carnival historians say the carnival revellers of the Third Reich defied and made fun of the Nazis. But there is scant evidence of that Carnival floats in 1935 made fun of deported Jews; there has always been a slight anti-Semitic undercurrent

At my favourite carnival event — the Cologne Detectives' Ball — the police commissioner. Jürgen Roters, was given a mocking award, but at the same time he was built up by the enthusiastic collection of cops as a future Mayor of Cologne.

Everyone wears a mask at carnival, nobody and nothing is quite what it seems. The apolitical or anti-political pose actually camouflages serious political activity. That is the unspectacular conclusion of my Rhineland investigation. As for the orgies, I made my excuses and left.

Rio's revellers dance away the currency blues

BRAZILIANS yesterday cast aside economic woes, brushed off worries about runaway inflation and revelled to the seductive rhythms of samba at one of the world's most opulent and flamboyant carnivals.

Seemingly forgetting its currency gloom, or turning a blind eye to it, Rio de Janeiro is putting on one of its most expensive parades in decades. Millions have, in the past two days, also spilt out in skimpy beachwear to attend the street parties and the debauched masked balls.

Brazil is in the middle of its worst economic crisis in years, having suffered a 35 per cent devaluation of the real currency. Its Government is struggling to reduce a soaringly high budget deficit to lure back littery investors who have fled with their capital.

But no financial turmoil seems reason enough for Cariocas, as Rio's inhabitants are called, or the Brazilian and foreign tourists who have flooded the coastal city, to tone down the glittery and lavish

camival. Unlike in Russia, where economic crisis led to general gloom and doom, and in the Far East, where stock price falls triggered waves of suicides. Brazilians have maintained their week of revelling religiously. Partygoers seem keen to do their utmost to forget looming recession and the ghost of inflation by delving passionately into four days of

dancing, drinking and sex. There may be a crisis on. hut most people will have tried to scrimp and save to buy cos-tumes and will let it all out over samba," said Jose dos Santos, a samba song composer of the Imperio Serrano sam-ba school, which has its base in one of Rio's poorest slums. This is a time when all inhibitions and worries are let go. We forget and just enjoy dancing and kissing non-stop."

There was no sign of austerin in the shows which began yesterday and will in the coming two days parade through a mile-and-a-half-long samba grandstand in the centre, known as Sambodromo.

Fourieen samba schools, all of which have 2,000 to 4,000 dancers and a 300-member percussion band, compete by putting on a show of music. lyrics costumes and dancing. A jury decides on the best school at the end of the week when there is a final winners' parade and a cash prize.

The samba-mad Brazilian street

party is joined

by Gabriella Gamini

The samba schools, mostly run by a gambling mafia, are said to have invested more than \$16 million (£10 million) to embellish their floats and feathered costumed dancers. and to launch their parades with expensive fireworks.

Thousands of even the poorest Brazilians save for months to buy a costume from their favourite school, which allows them to take part in the event. I took part in the parade by

one of the lowlier, poorer schools, Estacio de Sa, whose theme was the history of the shoe. I got my chance to see what it was like to parade in the world's biggest carnival by paying \$70 for a white T-shirt. tennis skirt and baseball cap pinned with numerous plastic tennis rackets.

Grateful for not having to dance in toe-crunching high heels and dressed up in a relatively humble outfit, I could not help gawping at the exuberance all around.

We started off with a 20-minute ear-bashing show of fireworks and spent 90 minutes dancing in tropical heat. led by percussionists crowned with feathers and fake golddusted turbans.

Despite a rise in price of imports, most schools have not forgone the use of cloud-making machines, confetti-throwing mechanisms, reams of neon lights and abundant real feathers. The Salgueiro samba school, one of the most popu-lar, has included a lifesized aircraft as one of its floats.

Mangueira, another popuiar samba school, will try to impress the judges with two miles of flashing neon lights to illuminate hip-thrusting and skimpily dressed dancers.

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rige-a01.htm - has pictures

For Germany's carnival season, go
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Young dancers prepare for the weekend revels in the centre of Salvador, in Brazil's Bahia state



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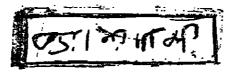
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Russia's frozen outposts given \$9m food aid

FROM ALICE LAGNADO IN MOSCOW

THE Red Cross will next start. In Soviet times, huge month begin flying more than \$9 million (£5.5 million) of emergency aid to the remotest parts of Russia's Arctic and Far East, where it says 80,000 people are facing starvation.

The aid organisation has launched an appeal in 175 countries to raise the money after finding severe shortages of food and medical supplies in the regions of Chukotka. Magadan and Kamchatka during a visit last month. The first consignments are expected to arrive within six weeks and include 90,000 22lb food parcels, warm clothing and medicine.

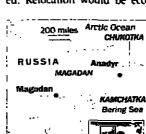
"Poverty in this region is appalling," said Borje Sjok-vist, head of the Red Cross's Moscow delegation, at the appeal's Geneva launch last Monday, "Salaries and pensions have not been paid, shops have nothing to sell, hospitals have run out of medicine. Alcoholism and depression are taking their toll along with killer diseases such as

tuberculosis." The northern regions suffer unique problems in Russia. The eight million people there cannot feed themselves, for a

amounts of supplies - more than ample - were sent in the expensive "northern delivery". run on military lines.

People were attracted to the area because the Government offered good wages in an attempt to exploit diamonds. gold, rin, platinum and oil in the regions. The "northern delivery" was a sweetener. When the Soviet Union collapsed. these regions fell apart, too. Those who settled there to make money have become the nation's prorest people.

Unlike central Russians. they cannot rely on kitchen gardens for food and there are even fewer jobs to go round. Mines and factories are deserted. Relocation would be eco-



nomically impossible. This winter, due to the countrywide economic crisis, the "northern delivery" has been late. There are reports of children and teachers fainting in school.

Though supplies are small compared to the handouts in Soviet times, they are still crippling Russia's economy, "You could take all the population of Koryak (a region larger than Britain with 30,000 residents). put them in five-star hotels in Moscow and give them three meals a day, and it'd be less expensive," Valeri Georg, deputy chief of the Government's committee responsible for the far north, told the Moscow Times in November

☐ Iraqi deal: The British Embassy in Moscow has been ordered by the Foreign Office to investigate allegations that Russia has signed a secret deal with Baghdad to repair and update Iraq's air defences severely damaged by Ameri-can and British bombers (Michael Binyon writes).

The deal, which would be a serious breach of the United Nations arms embargo, was said to include an upgrade of Irag's lighter aircraft, especialy its MiG23s and MiG29s.



Thousands of secular Jews attend a Jerusalem meeting yesterday to support rulings by the Supreme Court rolling back controls exeercised by ultra-Orthodox Jews. A rival prayer rally by the ultra-Orthodox against the judicial system was held on the same day, attracting huge crowds

Jewish rallies clash over court rulings

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

DEEP divisions in Israeli society were manifested on the streets yesterday as an estimated 200,000 ultra-Orthodox Jews held a prayer rally against the judicial system, claiming it is biased against the religiously observant.

As a sea of black hats and suits - the uniform of ultra-Orthodox men filled Jerusalem's main road, at a park nearby tens of thousands of secular Jews held a "pro-democracy" counterdemonstration. The secular protesters called on the Government to back the courts and the rule of law in the face of what they see as the growing power of religious Jews to interfere in the affairs of private citizens.

As helicopters hovered above the city, thousands of police were deployed in the streets to keep the two sides apart. in a military-style operation.

While the protest of the religious Jews was full of mournful singing and prayers, the demonstration by secular Israelis was filled with happier sounding music and a carnival-like atmosphere. But the hatred and fear of one another in the rival camps was probaoly equal in strength.

'I feel that one of the institutions of the Government, which is the judicial body of the state, is putting us up against the wall," said Emanuel Librowicz, an ultra-Orthodox Jew, who came to join the protest by his group. He was reacting to a series of recent Supreme Court rulings rolling back the influence of the Orthodox Jewish religious establishment to control marriages, burials, conversions and behaviour on the Sabbath.

He feared that the secular and religious camps would divide the country into two hostile camps if the make-up of the courts is not altered.

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Vatican defends loners' graffiti

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

AUTHORITIES in Rome, Milan and other important Italian cities reacted with dismay yesterday to a Vatican suggestion that graffiti on urban walls could be justified as a cri de coeur by "isolated and lonely souls" lost in a "metropolitan wasteland".

Italian towns are engaged in multimillion-pound projects to ings for the millennium celebrations, when Rome alone expects nearly 30 million pilgrims and visitors.

But L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, whose pronouncements are vetted by the papal authorities, said that graffiti were often the "cry of the soul against the indifference of society". It said vandalism and the defacing of monuments could never be condoned. But some graffiti artists were gifted and had left a "mysterious code on the walls of our cities". The newspaper added that there was a movement of anonymous artists and writers engaged in a form of "metropolitan expression".

Vatican officials said that L'Osservatore Romano's remarks were not not intended to give carte blanche to van-dals. "We fully back clean-up campaigns," one said. "There is no excuse for damaging

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property". But graffiti artists should not be criminalised en

The paper noted that graffiti were not a new phenomenon. In a nod to St Valentine's Day, it said that lovers had for centuries carved their initials on trees, often enclosed in a heart.

But La Repubblica said that the papal benediction was at odds with the graffiti war declared by Francesco Rutelli, Mayor of Rome, and his Milan counterpart, Gabriele Albertini. Signor Albertini recently offered a £200 reward to anyone who helped the police to catch vandals red-handed.

The mayors also expressed alarm over acts of vandalism in many poorly guarded art galleries.

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The standard army combat tool is not lined with Gortex and not completely waterproof. For the bitter weather conditions expected in Kosovo, minsters have agreed that the oldiers should have the best, ind the Matterhorn boots

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ill the soldiers for Kosovo will e based on the standard Combat 95° clothes, specially esigned by an MoDitextile reearch agency in Coichester to

tater for all weathers.
It consists of a Kevlar heland an amount cotton and an amount cotton shirt and an amount gacket with fleece ining. There is also an assortnent of T-shirts to add extra ayers when the soldiers need nore warmth, and a Gortex vaterproof "top and bottom" sutfit only issued a year ago. However, the McD has approved a whole series of extra

it for Operation Agricola that will be the envy of other Nato roops sent to Kosoro. This will consist of a fleeceined hat with ear laps made or of wool and man-made bres, a face mask hade from Nomex fire-resistant material.

added wool/acrylidsocks, the

Michael Evans

reports on troop preparations

for peacekeeping

in Balkans

Matterhorn boots, a hood for the combat jacket and Gortex gloves. The Challenger tank crews are also being issued with two forms of tank suits. one of which is on trial with The King's Royal Hussars prior to general issue. The latest tank suit is made of cotton and acrylic material.

nel Jonathan Powe.

tical headquarters.

The sleeping bag for Kosovo will also have special extras. The standard army cold weather version will have an additional liner inside and a waterproof Gortex "bivvy bag" wrapped around the outside for added protection.

Final preparations were under way yesierday for loading all the heavy equipment for Operation Agricola onto ferries at the German port of Emden later today.

The two ferries, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels, Sea Centurion and Sea Crusader. are due to sail from Emden for the Greek port of Salonika tonight and tomorrow morning. The Sea Centurion will leave first at about midnight tonight. The two ferries will carry 400 vehicles, including Challenger I tanks, AS90 selfpropelled guns and Warrior armed infantry carriers. Two hundred logistics personnel will accompany the equip-

A further 200 logistical support troops, including members 17 Port and Maritime Squadron, based at the Marchwood military port in Southampton, will fly out to Salonika to prepare for the arrival of



Boots and weaponry are tested in training for the Operation Agricola peacekeeping mission

Insane mirror war's madness

Un elenting civil violence has condemned even the mentally ill to a time of agony, writes Anthony Loyd in Stimlje



HE perimeter ferite surnunding the hunstic asylum Stimlje should represent a nd madness. It does not

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car division between sanity However, at least those on e outside have some choices ft to them. For all the trage-es in Kosovo today, perhaps one is so cruel as the fate of e 350 patients in the provee's only institution for the sane, who are the forgotten witus of a suffering land. Their lot was meatre before ie war. Such is their mental ndition that none will recov-or the hope to be released. cording to the asylum's rector, Vesna Starrenkovic The institution was one of e first to feel the pinch of nctions against Serbia. In 93 a cut in funding comned with a typhus epidemic led 20 per cert of the tients. Since the start of the est recent crisis foreign mations on which the asyin relied heavily, turned o a trickle, then sopped, as gunfire outside ncreased. The patients are terribly said Ms Stameninc. "We are running short

food fuel, clothes, every-ng. The staff try b keep the down on the lower ds of the buildings when shooting starts — bullets e blown out some of the per windows and hit the - but it is difficult to

Serb tank outside fired as spoke, the blist rattling windows. Minutes later a rattle began in a nearby

wood as dozens of patients, many half-dressed, shambled around listlessly in the snow. Most appeared not to notice

the fighting, but a wild-eyed woman, barefoot and wearing only a torn nightdress, ran around imitating a machinegun with a stick while a man rolled over in the ice in a parody of violent death.

There are technically 102 staff, but only one non-resident psychiatrist who visits three times a week. Of the others, few are trained specialists. The oldest patient is a woman of 95 who has been there since it opened 50 years ago. The youngest is a fouryear-old girl, Sancia. Her story is particularly poignant.

The patients are allowed to sleep with one another if they wish," Ms Stamenkovic said. "But, by the nature of their illnesses, if they become preg-nant, the pregnancy is termi-nated. But Sanela's mother hid her pregnancy from us until the last moment.

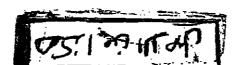
"When she was born, Sanela was not disturbed. But there was nowhere to send her, so she stays here in the children's wing. By the nature of the company there, she is now a borderline case."

The wards are cold and bare, and stink of prine and

faeces and slow death. Ms Stamenkovic said: "In spite of all our problems, we have kept above this nationalism poison. Inside here we are nished only by God. Outside it is worse, for there men punish one another."







LOWER EMISSIONS FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT.

Hillary: solid support in New York

Hillary weighs Senate battle

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

DECISION time is at hand for Hillary Clinton on whether she will run for the Senate from New York

While flattered by the encouragement for her can-didacy, she had deferred making up her mind until her husband's impeachment trial was over. With his acquittal last Friday. Mrs Clinton will be able to focus all her attention on consideration of the Senate idea, according to her spokeswoman, Marsha

Berry. White House insiders were quoted yesterday as saying that Mrs Clinton is drooling over the prospect. but others still doubted that she would take the plunge so soon after her year of living under the strain of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

in recent weeks, the Hillary-for-Senator notion has grown far beyond media speculation into a groundswell that has energised New York Democrats in a way not seen since Bobby Kennedy won the seat more than 30 years ago.

Party soundings show Mrs Clinton has solid backing from women, trade unions, blacks, Hispanics and most voters in New York. Her support is so widespread that she will probably be spared having to compete in a primary.

THERE'S a touch of Tara about the Texas Governor's Will Bush Jr run

office. The sweep of the stairfor President? case outside, and the Dixie elegance of the furnishing It's either yes, no within, only serve to emphasise that George W. Bush Jr is or maybe, he the Republicans' Rhett Butler the man who operates be-

hind enemy lines to secure

famous victories, all the while

living down a raffish past.

from the Democrats who stole

it from his Dad. And the polls

show Mr Bush well ahead of

his likely opponent, Vice-Presi-

After his meeting with Mr Hague. Mr Bush talked to The

Times about the pressures on

him to run for the presidency.

"I've got to decide soon," he ex-

plained, "and 111 have to say

yes, no, or maybe." It was a for-mula he has hidden behind for

months, but he couldn't hide

Before there was time to ask

which option was most likely,

he was aiready outlining his

strategy. "If we say maybe at

first, then we set up an exploratory committee. I've aiready

had talks with people about a

policy agenda. Thinkers like

Myron Magnet and David

Horowitz have come down, and I've also had Dick Cheney

The last two are veterans of

George Sr's time in the White

House, and are especially anxious to see a Bush restoration.

"Oh yeah, they all want me to

run." But, like Rhett, George

Jr is still playing a little hard

He makes a show of not wishing to forsake the South-

ern comfort of his Texas life-

style. "It's a big sacrifice - it

would be for you. If I do run, it

has to be a decision of the head

and the heart. In policy terms I

know about education and tax-

es, but there are other issues

such as foreign policy and de-

fence I have to be happy with.

But I also have two kids of col-

lege age — that's the time you

spread your wings. If your

"I'm getting my head ready.

and George Shultz."

his relish for the chase.

dent Al Gore.

The Texas Governor's Southern chivalry was on display at father's in the White House. the weekend when he played that's it - you've lost your host to William Hague and his privacy forever."

Mr Bush knows the price in wife, Ffion, in the state capital, Austin, enrolling them both as

lost privacy that the children honorary Texans and paying of politicians have to pay. His tribute to the Tory leader's own "party animal" past has been raked over by those an-xious to fling mud. He mar-ried late, after a period of hell-raising which still sets the cen-"very bright vision". It was a diplomatically welljudged performance for a man himself gearing up for a gen-eral election. The Republican sorious muttering. But George "Dubya" (W), as Party establishment is anxious that George W. Bush should wrest back the White House

he is known now, projects a virtuous image. There are hints of past raffishness in his twinkly-eyed flirtatiousness with aides, and in his magnificent cowboy boots which have his name and the title "Governor" picked out in the leather.

tells Michael

Gove in Austin

But he is anxious to appear reformed character. He forswore alcohol after waking up at the age of 40 with a particularly bad hangover, and supports the pro-chastity



Gore lagging behind Bush in opinion polis

movement, True Love Waits, which enjoins abstinence on teenagers until they find their right partner.

Mr Bush has become a Republican Party sweetheart by combining a traditional line on social issues and a conservative position on taxes with an inclusive approach to those usually left outside the Republican family.

Mr Bush's conversation reflects a concern about educational under-achievement among the less well-off in his state, especially the Hispanic population. Unlike Rhett, George W. wants you to know he does give a damn. He talks with verve of the "individual who makes a difference" and also "the little armies of com-

George W. is already expanding on this theme of compassionate conservatism" in preparation for the 2000 election. "I believe the next century will be a prosperous one." he argues, gently reminding you of his own success in delivering a budget surplus, "but it must be prosperity without anybody left behind."

Privately. Bush makes the point that rightwingers have been too identified with creating wealth as an end in itself. There must be more stress on the values which govern how wealth is used; there must be, in his words, "prosperity with

Bush is a wealthy man, the former owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team, and he has access through his father's network to the Republican establishment and its campaign dollars. He could turn that prosperity to a clear political purpose, but he does not want to set pulses racing quite yet, and is coolly dismissive of the polls which show him so far ahead of Mr Gore. "I don't take polls. The polls said George H. W. Bush was going to win 18 months before the 1992 election, and look what happened there."

As we prepared to part, the Governor inquired if I had enjoyed myself in Texas. I assured him I had, but let him know that I wished I could spend a night getting to know Austin better. "You should head down to Sixth Street." he

"Why, what's there?" [with another hint of the party animal past, "lots of 'em." "Should I mention your

name?" I inquired. "Well, if you do, and end up



Governor George W. Bush outside the Capitol in Austin, Texas, last month. "They all want me to run," he said

After our meeting, George W. was off for talks with the Governor of Louisiana. When asked just what these Southern politicos might be discuss-

talk crawfish étouffée. And I might shoot a little bird."

The insouciant, yet joshing pose was practised and easy.

amiably to close down a verbal joust. As we left the Governor's office I couldn't help noticing another detail - ever

in jail, you ain't never gonna ing in this pre-election season, get out," he laughed.

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Mr Bush would say only: "We cian who gives attention to his character. The compassion of the curtains seemed to reflect the curtains see a rich dep blue, but attractin ly pink at the edges.

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Bin Laden has moved out of his base in Afghanistan

Bin Laden absence 'a Taleban ruse'

THE disappearance from his lair in Afghanistan of Osama bin Laden, the Saudi suspect ed of planning terrorist attacks on British and American targets, may be a ruse by Taleban's administration to ease mounting pressure on it to hand him over to the US. Weekend reports of bin Laden's mysterious depar-ture from the Islamic militia's spiritual capital of Kandahar came as the American deadline for his expulsion neared and US warships

The reports fuelled speculation of yet another US missile

from where he allegedly guided terrorist actions against

American installations. Taleban leaders argue that there is no proof of bin Laden's involvement in terrorist activity. But last week they imposed restrictions on his movements and sealed the satellite phones that he uses to contact supporters. He was also prevented from talking

to the media.

Informed sources bave ruled out the possibility of the suspected terrorist leav-ing Afghanistan for Yemen, sailed close to Pakistan's ter-Iraq or Somalia, as had been widely reported.

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'Sick strike' pilots must pay \$10m

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

LEADERS of an airline pilots' union pleaded with members to halt their "crew flu" protest after a Texan judge imposed a fine that could run to millions

With thousands of pilots calling in sick, American Airlines has been forced to cancel hundreds of flights every day and has stranded close to half a million passengers. Federal Judge Joe Kendall devised his own cure for the absent pilots - a contempt fine of \$10 million (E6 million) that could go as high as \$90 million to cover the airline's estimated losses.

Judge Kendall, a former Dallas police officer who has a large portrait of himself hanging in his court, vented his anger on the Allied Pilots Association for ignoring his order to end the week-long "sickout". He ruled that the pilots' actions were illegal and unless they ended quickly, he said: "All the assets of the union, including their strike war

chest, will be capable of bei safely stored in the overhe bin of a Piper Cub " -- a tir single-engine aircraft.

Unfortunately, he cons ued, the radical element in t union was acting like No York Mafia families. Th seemed determined to American Airlines "into-! side of the mountain", taki themselves, the compan their co-workers and their o tomers with them.

The \$10 million, about quarter of the unca's 14 worth must be paid into co by noon tomorrow as a do payment on a fine. Judge K dall scheduled a hearing Wednesday to decide if the alty and related dams

should be increased. Faced with this judi wrath, urlion leaders put an appeal on their memb website: "We need to get airline up and running at capacity and we need to de quickly.

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Beastly behaviour

Before she became an RSPCA officer Jo Needs thought that Britain was a nation of animal lovers. How wrong she was. Interview by Anjana Ahuja

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punchbag'

here is a biting chill in the Cheltenham air but Jo Needs, an inspector, leaves the top buttons of her coat open. She does not wear a scarf or poloneck. Somebody tried to strangle her once and now she cannot bear to have anything around her neck.

"I had just qualified and was working on probation in Swansea," she says, "Someone had reported a pony tied up in a field. It was tethered so tightly that its head was an inch from the ground.

There was no water, no grass and broken glass scattered nearby. "I was running

back to my van to call a vet when I suddenly saw a man leading the pony away. I shouted at him to stop but he didn't. I followed him. should have realised that something was wrong all I could think of was the horse."

The man led her to fields behind an empty school, where he threatened her with a metal spike and tried to strangle her. Fortunately, some people had seen Needs following the man and managed to intervene. He was jailed for nine months.

Typically. Needs, a vivacious and anractive 28-yearold, saw the positive side: "Before that I was probably too cocky, thought I could cope with anything on my own. It didn't cross my mind that I would get into a situation. I honestly thought that I would be able to reason with him."

Her attacker gained another conviction, for biting off his estranged wife's ear: he suspect-ed her of havshopped to the RSPCA. Needs, who

grew up on a larm in the Cotswolds, decided as a child with animals. always knew that working for the Royal Society for the Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals was not going to be about dressing cute creatures in bandages. But that nasty incident, four years ago, illuminated a hitherto unseen side of our complex relationship with animals. As a BBC fiv-on-the-wall documentary. Animal Police. shows, the per owners who

come under the scrutiny of Needs and her colleagues are as far removed from the cuddly world of Rolf Harris and Animal Hospital as it is possible to be. "Before I joined I thought we were a nation of animal lovers," says Needs, who features in the series, "Compared to some countries. I suppose we are.

This job opened my eyes. I see animals that have been starved, beaten, thrown out of windows. People still think it is acceptable to drown kittens. I have had cases where it is clear that an owner has had sex with their animal. I never knew that this went on."

Most cases the charity deals with do not stem from deliberate cruelty - its 310 inspectors deal more with ignorance than maltreatment. Of 600 complaints handled by inspectors in Cheltenham and Gloucester last year, 500 involved giving owners advice (15 resulted in

rest in verbal warn-'I go home, ings). Some calls are unnecessary --"you sometimes get reports of horses looking lonely and good cry sad" - others are plain malicious. One of today's and take it calls, about a cat being kicked by children on rollerout on my

skates, seems to

stem from a feud

bours. The mother

of the children, a young black woman, claims that she is being racially harassed. She has installed a camera to monitor the front of the house, and says the situation is so bad that she has been issued with a mobile telephone by police. Out comes Needs negotiator - she sympathises, while gently reminding the woman that any animal abuse, no matter how

intolerable. A talent for diplomacy is just one of many prerequisites for becoming an inspector. Competition to join this elite is fierce: more than 2,000 people

abhorrent the owner, is



Jo Needs with a rescued cat: "If I got desensitised, I'd quit"

apply each year for about 20 places. Despite her formidable personal skills and impressive CV (eight O levels, three A levels, a business studies course and a spell working in America). Needs had made contingency plans - if she had not been accepted first time, she would have tried to enter the police force, then reapplied to the RSPCA after

gaining experience. Candidates, who must be at least 21, undergo literacy. observational and psychometric tests, and are then invited to an interview. Getting on to the course in Horsham. West Sussex, is almost the easy bit during their seven months. training, prospective inspecfors must master legal matters and veterinary science. demonstrate prowess (swim-

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knowing what she is going to confront, the stress gets to some. One of the 18 people she graduated with gave up after two years: "She got fired of the unpredictability of the role. never knowing what was be-hind the door. I sometimes get wary, too. But if you start worrying too much, you'd never knock on another door. Generally, people are quite positive. get the odd sexual comment but people shut up when they realise I'm serious." If a call does look suspi-

the police."

cious, inspectors visit in pairs. Otherwise, they work alone. Needs and her colleagues do meet once a week, though, in the regional office in Gloucester. "We are all odd and have

ant pet-owners. Even though Needs has a wicked sense of humour. We been bitten by a rottweiler (the have a laugh and unwind. says Needs, who is known to middle finger of her right her colleagues as the Belingo Babe, after the name of her largely numb).

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a powerboat are on the curric-

ulum), visit an abattoir and

learn how to kill animals pain-

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rene burns," says Needs. "I

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new Citroën van. rather than the Inspectors hit the roads at animals. who 8.30am every day and finish at seem to be the about 5pm. Then comes the paperwork, which adds another hardest to deal couple of hours. Inspectors are on call every fifth weekend and do one night shift a week. with, which is why inspectors are trained in self-defence -Needs's spare time at her rented home in the Gloucesterabuse animals shire countryside is spent lookare sometimes ing after her two dogs and five cats, all rescued, in the gym or writing short stories and ems (she briefly considered be-

coming a journalist). Her husband, Gareth, a car designer, worries about the dangers and sometimes accompanies her on night visits. But he knows she will never give the job up.

"The day I got the acceptance letter from the RSPCA was the best day of my life." Needs says, laughing. "I knew that if it was a skinny letter, it was bad news, and if it was a big fat bundle. I had got it.

"When this bulky parcel arrived. I knew that my dreams had come true. I hugged the postman and cried my eyes out. Gareth knows how much I have wanted to do this and that it will always come first. There is a never a morning when I don't want to get up and go to work. I am lucky because it is fairly well paid, and I would do it for less."

Few people, one suspects, would have the stomach to do it at all, given the acts of wickedness that inspectors occasionally face. "I once found a kitten whose back legs had chopped off," says Needs, "Blood was pouring out of the box, I was so glad that I was able to put it to

ther incidents stick in her mind. "The first was three greyhounds locked in a garden shed. When we went in we found only their bones. It stank of rotting flesh. There were rats everywhere and scratch marks on the door where the dogs had tried to claw their way out. People were living in the house. They never even turned up in court.

The other involved a girl who went to live with her boyfriend, and visited her Stafford shire bull terrier only at weekends. It starved to death. You could fit two fists between its neck and collar.

"A post-mortem examination showed that all it had in its mouth and stomach was dried spaghetti. It must have gone to a cupboard and tried to eat the first thing it found." Offenders face up to six months in jail, a £5.000 fine and a life ban on keeping animals.

"I do see upsetting sights and I admit to going home and having a good cry and taking it out on my punchbag. But I know that there are animals I help.

"Sometimes it's just ignorance, or the way that people have been brought up. I once



An illegal breeding establishment: most cases that the RSPCA deals with do not stem from deliberate cruelty

locked his dog up in a filthy lavatory for 23 hours every day. There were faeces everywhere. I asked him to step into the toilet, then closed the door behind him, so that he knew how it felt.

> The next time I came to visit he had built a kennel and a run. When you see an animal that has been living in terrible conditions and go back a few days later and they are much happier, you think 'I did that'. It's better than a prosecution, because in those cases the damage has already been

Needs says she would give up the job only if she felt she was becoming desensitised. "I have heard that some people have left because of that, and I hope it never happens to me. You have to distance yourself from what you see and be professional, but it still upsets me when the cat brings home a rabbit. If I stopped being upset. I'd quit.

She suddenly thinks of another reason for leaving winning the lottery: "I won £2,500 once, and I buy at least one ticket every week. If I won a million. I'd set up my own animal rescue centre. But I'd buy a Chanel suit and a Vivienne Westwood dress first."

 Animal Police is being shown on Mondays on BBCI at 9.30pm. Links: www.rspcq.org.uk

Tesco brings out the baby in men

Store crèches aim to ease male angst, says Vanora Bennett

hatever happened to the hunter-gatherers of prehistory, our tough, hairy, spearwielding male ancestors who could be relied upon to venture out of the cave every rainy Saturday morning and bring home the bison? Their descendants live on

in our cities and suburbs. but Tesco's latest consumer research has east serious doubt on whether the woodfree British man cun survive in the concrete jungle. So angst-ridden are today's

men about the weekly grocery shop. Tesco says. it is creating a stress-free instore play zone where men can take refuge while mates through aisles to grab the meat veg and teabags needed to sustain 20th-

happy' century life. "The plan is for a créche for men, where women can leave their husbands and boyfriends," says Russell Craig. Tesco's spokesman. suppressing a giggle. "It will have a video wall, sports

magazines, fruit machines

and pinhall games."

The idea — to be tested out at Tesco's new superstore in Peterborough, Northamptonshire — is based on research showing that 74 per cent of men would rather stay at home watching sport on television than go food shopping, but 46 per cent were scared their partners wouldn't speak to them if they refused to go. (Not surprisingly, the 21 per cent who said they enjoyed visiting supermarkets did so only because they could steer the trolley.)

Women, it seems, are also happy at the idea of getting their men out of their hair: 68 per cent found their partner's glum, twitchy presence a distraction from the business at hand. They wanted the man along only to do the driving, or to get him out of the house.

But where did this infuriating idea of treating your man like an extra childcome from? From observation at the 55-checkout Peterborough superstore, where male shoppers already take comfort from a giant sports screen over the aisles.

There's a lot of congestion by the screen," says Mel-

odie Schuster, a spokeswoman. stand there with mouths to put men hanging open. You have a nundred things to in a place buy, and have to weave in and our where they between them down the aisles will be Put them in a senarate room and there will be more space." So while wom-

en have advanced from the kitchen to the boardroom, men have regressed from the boardroom to the play room.

While the average woman now does only 65 per cent of domestic chores. compared with 80 per cent in the Sixties, women still do most of the washing and ironing around the house. The one big change, highlighted in a recent British Social Attitudes Survey, is that half of all couples now say they share groceries shopping equally. But, if the Tesco concept catches on nationwide, even this small advance is likely to be eroded.

Tesco is unrepentant. "It's better to put your men into an environment where they will be happy," says Schus-ter. "You can call Kevin once you get to Aisle 4 and he'll collect the shopping, put you in the car and run you home. Everyone's happy."



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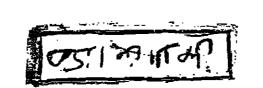
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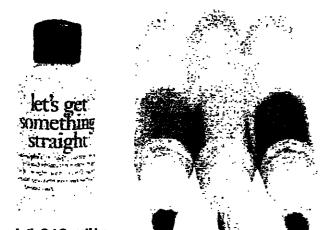


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THERE has always been an element of competition among designers who want to give favoured guests a memorable party bag at their fashion shows. Will it be their latest gift-wrapped scent (not an op-tion for most British designers, who don't have one), sunglass-

es, an ornamental fan . . .? Designing the invitations so that they stand out from the hundreds of others is another source of stress. In France, naturally, there is even an award every season for the best invitation. Last season it was won by John Galliano for his animalprint evening bags, which contained the invitation, streamers, lipstick, (fake) pills that looked like Qualundes everything, in other words, that Galliano Girl requires for a night out.

This season Manhew Williamson has upped the ante he has signed a deal with Motorola to provide VIP guests with its latest technology, a teeny mobile that makes last season's Nokia look a tad bulky.

Williamson has even designed special beaded and velvet-trimmed bags for the phones, which will be sent out with the invitations soon. It's fiendishly elever: not only will the speculation about who is sufficiently a VIP to receive the Motorola last from now until

time but, as Williamson says "anyone not in their seat 15 minutes before the show starts

will be easily contactable".

■ ASKED once whether she would chose to be born beautiful or stylish, Anna Wintour, the Editor-in-Chief of American Vogue, opted for beautiful because "style, hopefully, can be learnt later". Style can, perhaps, be learnt, but only by those with a predisposition. The rest of us have to settle for looking smart, or for being "appropriately" dressed, or for aiming always to have enough all-purpose basics in our wardrobe so that we never have to say we haven't got a thing to wear. On the face of it, these don't seem very high-flying accomplishments — until you

try to achieve them What Should I Wear?, subtitled Dressing For Occasions (Thames and Hudson, £16.95). landed with a thud on my desk this week (it's coffee-table size, with more than 200 pages), promising to help. It's the latest in the Chic Simple series of books that, since their inception five or six years ago, have proffered advice on everything from selecting the right paints and tools (truly) to buying the right furniture or wardrobe accessories. With their earnest



dicta (each book opens with the legend "the more you know, the less you need") and accent on keeping up with the Joneses, the Chic Simple books are so much a product of the Nineties that they already have a period feel. That said, there is a

with a real person seems an easy way out. What's interest-ing is that such a Nineties product should be promoting the idea (not always fashionable, but correct in my view) that rules, however much they have mutated, still apply.

What Should I Wear? tends

every item of clothing is shot as still-life, rather than on a mod-

el, means the book looks great,

although not having to deal

to promote a scientific, orderly approach to clothes, rather than the emotional response that makes buying fun. For instance, how to choose the right

lot of good advice. The fact that coat: "Look for a coat you can wear when dressed up or down (a reversible coat or one in black, which also won't show the dirt). As with your suitcase, think lightweight (microfibres)" and so on.
While science and orderli-

ness have a place in getting dressed, this means that many of the recommended items veer towards the conservative. But even if you only dip in, this book will make you review some practices. It won't make you stylish but, come the urge to buy a neon-yellow dress, it may prompt you to get match-

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Britain's new beauty barons

The cosmetics business was once dominated by French and American brands. Now that has all changed as four British entrepreneurs have developed their own highly individual ranges

o Malone, purveyor of some of the most fashscents London and New York, has just stepped off a plane from Chicago, where she starred in an Oprah Winfrey television special on entrepreneurs. Nicky Kinnaird, the managing director of the Space NK Apothecary beauty chain, has been nominated as Businesswoman of the Year.

Meanwhile, three months Millie Kendal launched a range of upbeat, mid-priced cosmetics that is well on target to achieve a turnover of more than £5 million in its first year. Meet Britain's new beauty tycoons.

Ten years ago ambitious young British entrepreneurs did not make their way into the beauty industry. This for a good reason: that apart from Yardley, which reeked quaint

mending-and-making-do virtues, the Body Shop and a few cheap, teenage brands, there wasn't one.

Beauty, so the wisdom of the times went, was in the eye of the French and American brands. So savvy entrepreneurs here set up mobile-phone companies, headed for the nearest silicon valley or went into real estate.

For two years Nicky Kinnaird contemplated taking on a nearby retail site. She took on the lease when it became available in 1993 and, at 27, set up Space NK, a store dedicated to hip new fashion designers. Space NK broke most of the rules when it was launched in Covent Garden in the depths of a retail slump, and without any external presence (entrance was via an escalator that was all too easy to

Within a year, it was apparent that the beauty sector, with its tempting mixture of the traditional (Kiehl's) and the obscure (Kinnaird introduced Stila and Philosophy, among others, to the UK), was the shop's runaway success story. She ditched the clothes. "Make-up is a lot less seasonal," she says. Six years later, with nine

Space NK shops nationwide, a successful mail-order catalogue and a transformed landscape across the beauty floors of the country's leading department stores, it's a wonder she didn't take the plunge earlier. Kinnaird was born and raised in Belfast and has always loved cosmetics. She talks of "that camaraderie you got as a teenager when all your friends came round to put their makeup on together before going out, and the smell of cologne

that I remember when I walked around the cafes at night on holiday in Spain".

Abiding as her love for cosmetics was, she had never liked shopping in department stores. When Space NK divested itself of clothing to concentrate on make-up, the idea was to introduce Britain to the delights of specialist shopping.

There had always been small shops on the Continent selling lingerie or lace or face creams," she says. "Their service was much more personal and I felt the products looked much more tempting. Also, 1 wanted people to feel that when they walked into Space NK, they weren't just going to get one range pushed at

Kinnaird's timing was im-

peccable. The only way for re-

tail in the dark days of 1993

was up, she says bullishly.

Also, after years during which superbrands such as Estee

Lauder and Revlon had

reigned supreme, customers

were becoming increasingly re-

ceptive to small, individual

lines, some of them launched

by make-up artists they dimly

recalled from glossy magazines, others entirely obscure.

come so educated and discrimi-

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wouldn't lend her the £200 she needed to go to Paris. Undeterred, she sold some jewellery, bought a return ticket to Paris and, because she hadn't enough money to stay in a hotel, spent a day in a laboratory there de-

signing her first scent. There was no money left to turn it into an alcohol-based fragrance, so she took the samnle back to her kitchen in London, used the money her husband had earmarked for a bed to buy a kilo of oil and 200 plastic bottles, and turned her potion into bath oil, which she began giving to her clients as thank-you presents. It was only when one of them asked her for a hundred bottles to give to her party guests, 86 of whom called her the following week to get hold of more, that

she began to sell it. There are now 14 Jo Malone scents. All of them are highly distinctive, as you might expect from someone who was once moved to nip into the lab after strolling down the Champs-Elysées hand in hand with her husband and smell-



Malone television star



Kinnaird: nominated



Ruby Hammer, left, and Millie Kendal launched a range of mid-priced cosmetics that should gross more than £5 million in its first year

ing the food from restaurants mingling with the lime blossom lining the avenue. The result, French Limeblossom, contains a twist of tarragon to evoke the cooked-food element and, like all her scents, is deliciously unique.

The days when everyone wanted the same scent are over," she says. "It's easy to make one sale; to get a repeat you have to educate. I want to teach women how two different scents can take a daytime outfit into evening."

alone, now 34, is the creator of a beauty scent range that has been the bestseller at Bergdorf Goodman in New York for two consecutive months. an unprecedented feat for a British brand. But despite plans to launch a range of fragrances that will be more widely available, she is anxious not to expand too fast. Millie Kendal, 31, a former

beauty PR, and Ruby Hammer, 37, a well-known makeup artist, are, by contrast, happy to expand as quickly as possible. The two had been friends for eight years: Kendal handled the PR for Aveda, the American eco-range that Ham-mer's husband George introduced to Britain.

"It was George who spotted the potential of putting the pair of us out there as a commercial concept," says Kendal. Both are make-up addicts and come to the business from "a consumer angle - everything had to be super simple and look great" (they hired the designers Wright and Teague to produce the eye-catching.

transparent packaging). Ruby and Millie were extremely smart in launching with the backing of Boots. which has woken up to the appeal of personality-based make-up ranges. Investment from the country's leading cosmetic manufacturing company meant that their range benefited from impressive research and development and could sell at medium-price points. The most expensive product a foundation, costs £15.

But their big coup was get-ting the brand into chichi stores such as Harvey Nichols and Selfridges, as well as 20 or so branches of Boots. They will launch in The Netherlands in June, Thailand and Japan at the end of the year and

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don't even ask how many faxes they receive each week from Allure magazine. New York's beauty bible. While it's clearly gratifying for two make-up junkies to have a brand of their own, the differences between the two national approaches can probably be summed up as follows: while the likes of François Nars and Bobbi Brown fly

Concorde into London to

make much trumpeted "per-

sonal appearances". Hammer

is still travelling the world as a

sessions make-up artist. Kend-

al's most recent personal ap-

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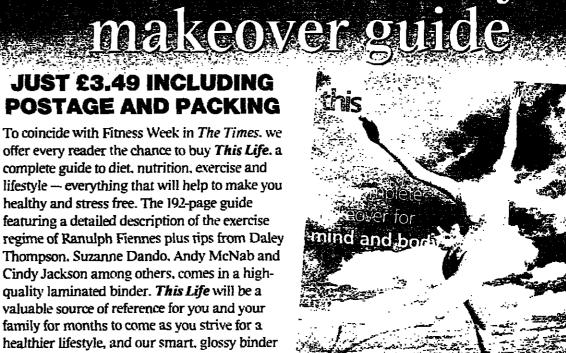
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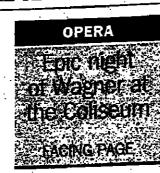
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THEATRE Triumph across the Channel for Donnellan

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France adores Chic By Jowl

t is not quite like teaching your grandmother to suck eggs and have her thank you for it, but there is something equally engaging about Declan Donnellan's latest adventure abroad. Donnellan was approached by the organisers of the Avignon International Festival, France's prestigious annual theatre celebration, and asked if he would like to direct a production. Le Cid., Pierre Corneille's verse drama of 1637, was his choice. "And they said. 'Ah, that's very difficult." Donnellan recalls. "There was a famous production, it's very difficult to follow.' I thought it was a joke. And then I discovered it wasn't."

Put simply, he had chosen a play right at the heart of France's love affair with its own theatre heritage. Jean Vilar, the festival's founder. had directed a production of Le Cid in 1949 that passed into folklore. Here, it seemed, was the definitive staging of one of the most celebrated works in the entire French canon. Only a fool or an upstart would dare to restage it at the scene of Viar's success.

Donnellan pressed on, and the shadows behind him were shown as just that. His production was the hit of last summer's festival, lavishly acclaimed for its modernity, its theatricality and its eye-opening perspective on a play that everyone thought they knew.

The production vividly recalls the kind of theatre which Donnellan produced as the director of Cheek By Jowl — almost balletic in its fluidity, precise and clear in its meanings. The dazzling Avignon run was followed by a swiftly organised tour of French towns and cities. Later this year the company travels to New York and possibly Russia and Africa. Right now, though, you can catch it at Lon-

don's Riverside Studios. Le Cid revolves around a duel fought by the young Rodrigue and the nobleman Don Gomès. The latDeclan Donnellan took on Corneille

in his own back

yard — and won

over a nation, writes Andy Lavender

He is, himself, the father of

Chimène, the woman Rodrigue loves. She is understandably forn once her suitor emerges victorious. On the surface, at least, the story is about those dry-sounding virtues, honour and duty. But that, says Donnellan, is only half the story. The play is written in alexandrines, couplets arranged to a syllable-count with a mid-line break and alternating rhymes. This pristine structure, he argues, contains a mass of darker stuff.

"It's written to be half of a whole," he explains. "So when somebody says something, they're also saying the opposite. As soon as Rodrigue speaks of honour he speaks about shame at the same time. What's fantastic is that Chimene absolutely wants him dead at her feet and she absolutely wants him in her bed."

Characteristically, Donnellan's rehearsal process got the actors to explore such stuff through the very way in which they moved. "At the beginning we did a lot of work to really understand that verse is very little to do with the intellect, that it comes from the body. The actors were fantastically open. I can't imagine a French director coming to England and telling the English how to speak blank verse."

In the most striking departure from tradition, the production's hero is markedly unheroic. The newly quivering Rodrigue is played by William Nadylam, a black actor chosen after Donnellan had audianother forward move, in a country not known for integrated casting. Nadylam is clearly taken with

the director's methods. "Declan makes me think about a grand-mother that has very old recipes that you would laugh about. but that make you stay alive." he says. 'And he makes me think of a little brother who comes to you with his big, innocent eyes and asks you

questions that you have to answer."
What next for this intriguing figure? Donnellan is returning to London to direct productions in the West End of Noel Coward's Hay Fever and Sophocles Antigone. Next year he might return to Russia, where he recently staged a pro-duction of The Winter's Tale for the renowned Maly Theatre in St Petersburg (the show begins a tour of Britain in April). "I do feel that I'm broadening, and I feel good about that," he says. On the other hand, he claims to be uncomfortable with a freelance existence.

onnellan and Nick Ormerod, Cheek By Jowl's designer, might still relaunch the company they put in storage, but on altered terms, one presumes. "Nick would very much like to have a space," says Donnellan. "I'm very interested in having a company of actors. Maybe I could have a company in France if I couldn't in England."

This sounds like both a wish-list and a warning shot. Decent sup-port, or goodbye. It's hardly the way of the British funding system to go out on a limb for talented individuals. But there can be little doubt that Donnellan is making ground as an international director of real clout. Peter Brook is routinely cited as the iconoclast who was so good that he had to leave England to find more suitable conditions elsewhere. You could imagine Donnellan, too, settling in Paris. • Le Cid is at the Riverside Studios



Second helping

IT ALL depends on the setting. Come across a sozzled raconteur propping up a bar, and he will have you edging towards the door. But put him on stage and he becomes an endearing companion, a compelling poet of the pints.

Eamon Morrissey's earlier one-

hander, based on the viscous wit and wisdom of Irish writer, columnist and bar-room sage Flann O'Brien (aka Myles na Gopaleen real name Brian O'Nolan) pulled off just that trick, and has been entertaining audiences since 1974. His new play, although it weaves in much of the old material, is set 25 years later, and his character (an amalgam of O'Brien and his writ-



ings) is apparently institutionalised, older, sadder and more sober. The bravado is still there, if watered down. Morrissey treats us to a rambling compilation of bromides on the dangers of grinding your teeth, the breeding habits of ducks, the importance of pockets as a mark of civilisation, drinking in the morning (a good thing) and atomic theory (if molecules transfer from one body to another, surely over the years you become part bicycle, and your bicycle becomes part you). It gets a bit repetitive after a while, although things pick up in the second half with a hilarious demonstration of how to maintain the public appearance of sobriety with the help of a pair of stout-proof

The secret of O'Brien's humour lies in its construction of bravura but sophistical disquisitions from seemingly logical but really quite meaningless pieces of wisdom ("If you can't speak you can listen twice as well as a man who can", "Very few chain stores sell chains"). Repeated like mantras by Morrissey. they become staging posts to no-where, or at least to a whimsical parallel world. A diverting evening. though little more than the sum of its hand-me-down parts.

NIGEL CLIFF

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A taste of things to come

few years ago Nigel Kennedy gave a Mid-lands audience an early glimpse of the fruits of his obsession with Jimi Hendrix. Now, with a fully fledged Hendrix suite due to be released shortly, he returned to Ronnie Scott's in Birmingham but with a very different format. A giant portrait of Duke Ellington forms part of the decor at this version of the Soho jazz institution. On this occasion it also served as a reminder that Kennedy has been mixing genres since the early 1980s, when he released an album combining Bartók and a thoughtful precis of Ellington's Black, Brown and Beige suite.

No one quite knew what to expect this time around. In the event the violinist was content to play more of a supporting role alongside Calcb Clarke, a Jamaican-born singer and guitarist based in Kennedy's adopted home of Malvern. Audiences on the Continent have had more opportunities to get the measure of Clarke, who has been playing encores on

VERY few pianists in jazz are

developing at the same rate as

Benny Green. Since leaving

rations of standards. At first

glance, the word muscular

would not be the adjective that

springs to mind to describe the

slight figure of Green. But

there is no other word to de-

scribe his keyboard attack. It has grown in confidence, pow-

er and aggression, and even

when he works in the middle

JAZZ Birmingram ...

Kennedy's recent classical tour. Here, in contrast, his appearances have been confined to low-level dates in pubs. Informality was the key-

note of a set devoted to his amiable folk-like tunes, all delivered in a light if unspectacular voice. Jazz it wasn't, but there was the same seat-of-the-pants mood to the interplay between a trio completed by double-bass player Rory McFarlane.

Swigging from a bottle of water as he joked with audience members near the stage Kennedy was clearly in re-laxed, busking mode. At least one of Clarke's tunes was so fresh off the page it did not even have a title. Some of the more reflective pieces, betray-ing the occasional hint of the blues, had a touch of Ted



Nigel Kennedy: happy to share the musical limelight

them. Although an entire programme of original material was bound to stretch him too thin. Sin and Shame and

Touch of An Angel left an un-mistakable afterglow. Having quipped at the outset that we were about to hear a little rockabilly. Kennedy

did not over-extend himself in his solos. All the same it would have been fascinating to have heard how far the pieces had evolved by the third and final night of the residency. Without the help of heavy

amplification, he extracted molten guitar-like lines on Tree of Life, building simple figures to a forceful climax before allowing the final phrases to die away like the quietest of sighs. All in all, a tasty hors d'oeuvre; the main course is still to come.

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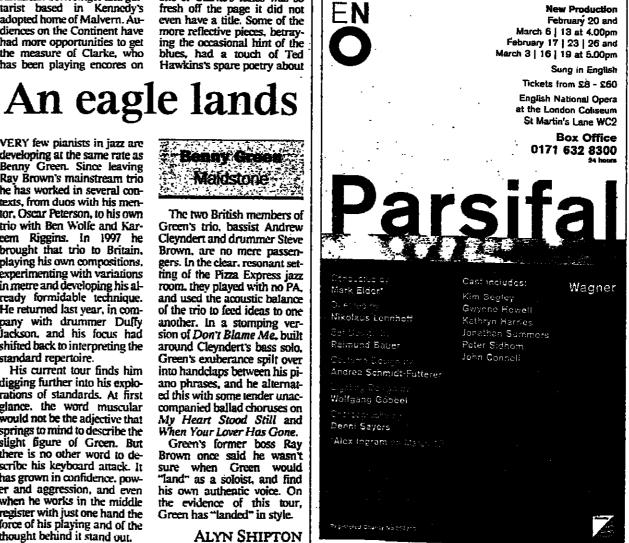
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Benny Green Maidstone :

Ray Brown's mainstream trio he has worked in several contexts, from duos with his mentor, Oscar Peterson, to his own The two British members of trio with Ben Wolfe and Kar-Green's trio, bassist Andrew eem Riggins. In 1997 he Cleyndert and drummer Steve brought that trio to Britain, Brown, are no mere passenplaying his own compositions, gers. In the clear, resonant setexperimenting with variations ting of the Pizza Express jazz in metre and developing his alroom, they played with no PA, ready formidable technique. and used the acoustic balance He returned last year, in comof the trio to feed ideas to one another. In a stomping verpany with drummer Duffy Jackson, and his focus had sion of Don't Blame Me, built shifted back to interpreting the around Cleyndert's bass solo, Green's exuberance spilt over standard repertoire. His current tour finds him into handclaps between his pidigging further into his exploano phrases, and he alternat-

companied ballad choruses on My Heart Stood Still and When Your Lover Has Gone. Green's former boss Ray Brown once said he wasn't sure when Green would "land" as a soloist, and find his own authentic voice. On the evidence of this tour, Green has "landed" in style. register with just one hand the force of his playing and of the thought behind it stand out.

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The road to redemption

f Wagner's last opera is at one level about the redemption of the world in which we live, then in one sense Nikolaus Lehnhoff's new production — which is by a very, very long way the most thoughtful and satisfying I have seen - is about the redemption of the work itself. There are unpleasing subtexts about racial purity lurking in the text, which were made much of by the composer's disciples and are not ignored in the uniformly excellent programme notes; Lehnhoff's staging transcends, indeed re-

deems them. Lehnhoff's way in, in his first attempt at the work, is via Wagner's own study of Buddhism - he sketched a Buddhist drama containing many parallels with Parsifal - and the clash between East and West in Wolfram von Eschen**OPERA: Rodney Milnes** on English National Opera's new production of Wagner's Parsifal at the Coliseum

played down: the Grail is represented by light, the Eucharist only discreetly suggested. Andrea Schmidt-Futterer's costumes for the Knights are inspired by the terracotta army discovered in China, They, together with Raimund Bauer's abstract set, its grey cheerlessness in turn redeemed by Wolfgang Göbbel's indescribably poetic lighting, manage to encap-sulate all human experience, right up to the third act's railway line, that most distressing of 20th-century symbols. It is a

world; both are persuasively cited in the programme. If all that sounds off-putting-

Waste Land world, a Beckett

bach's poem, the earliest source. Iy austere, it shouldn't. Lehn- Harries's eternal-feminine Christian symbolism is hoff's production is lively, - part bird-woman, part vamphysical and tactile - living drama, not ritual.

Kim Begley's vibrantly sung Parsifal, a dreadlocked Noble Savage, is no passive observer of the knightly rites but one whose incomprehension is made flesh, and the way he and Kathryn Harries's Kundry, an unsettlingly erotic creature even when in "serving". mode, circle each other like two dangerous wild animals in the seduction scene has the audience tingling with anticipation. The Flower Maidens, that graveyard of so many productions, are beautifully managed, brandishing their little stamens to entrancing effect.

pire, part Madonna, and with a smile to either freeze or inflame the blood — is the most amazing creation, and many readers will be glad to hear that it is she, as Earth Mother. this crowning triumph. who leads the community off at the end to have another.

more successful try elsewhere. The relationship depicted between Jonathan Summers's almost too graphically pain-racked Amfortas and the father he has failed (a warmly sonorous John Connell) approaches the unbearable ed chorus are superb. when the old man's corpse is disinterred and shaken in

The whole evening beto-

compassion. Save one: Gurnemanz, who cradles him at the end of the first act, a simply magnificent performance by Gwynne Howell. With his grave dignity, beautifully cable enunciation of Richard Stokes's clear, careful and communicative translation, you felt that the 30 years of his career had been leading up to

Mark Elder, too, approaches his first Parsifal as drama. not ritual. There is a blessed lack of portentousness, a concentration on easy dramatic flow, a characteristically fastidious care for texture and balance. Every word is easily audible. Orchestra and augment-

kened the work that had gone into the preparation. The experience was profoundly stirring. Vienna SO/ **Fedoseyev** Barbican

running scales of the finale fluent and clean.

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inatively planned series.

Marisa Robles.

ifty years ago last Thurs-day the London Mozart Players and their found-

er Harry Blech gave their first concert. It began and ended with Mozart's Symphonies

Nos 28 and 29. And so did this Royal Gala Concert at which Blech was present to celebrate

repertoire and playing the like

I which was certainly not to be taken for granted in 1949. Simon Callow shared his ex-

periences of being 50 in some

kindly introductory remarks.

James Galway played an Irish jig for Blech. Prince Edward watched politely from the roy-

al box; and the LMP played po-

Matthias Barnert has been

music director since 1993, and

nothing he conducts is ever

less than well-mannered and

meticulously cultivated. But

there are times when there is not much more; and this gala

Perhaps the very sense of oc-

casion threatened to over-

whelm the music-making. The

two Mozart symphonies were dispiritingly lacklustre, un-searching in their phrasing and articulation.

The LMP were only pale ac-

companists, too, for soprano

Barbara Hendricks in three

Mozart arias, sung as if on ex-

pressive autopilot. James Galway takes over as principal

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and he bestowed many a twin-

kling smile on his new friends

during the course of his per-

Symphony, not the Vi-

enna Philharmonic, loft-

ily dispensed with in the programme as the city's "opera or-

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sion that it was the VPO have

been disappointed: this sea-

chief conductor since 1997. The glorious, limpid cello

solo heralding Strauss's Vien-

na Woods Waltz proved to be

a calling card: theirs is a spa-

cious string sound of high fi-

nesse whose inner parts were

sonorous and detailed. Fedo-

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ny, with its outdoor exhilara-

tion. The palpitating happi-

gentleness, an exquisite pianis-

movement, and the exposed

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evening was one of them.

litely down below.

Tempos were swift but never driven, and only occasionally did Fedoseyev's rhythmic soned ensemble has the sheen and rustle of silk under the hands of Vladimir Fedoseyev. grip lapse. He brought out the visionary moments of the storm and its aftermath. where premonitions of the next hundred years of music strike the listener with each new hearing. Only in the finale was it clear that serenity would win out over passion the glories of the chorale were not brought fully to fruition.

The balanced, blended and nderstated quality of the gestures, and he teased out an VSO was used to great effect in elastic performance of Strauss's the Mozart Piano Concerto No 20. although marred by some imprecise violin intonation and articulation. Artur Pizarro gave a characteristically Beethoven's Pastoral Symphoacute reading, with a pearllike purity of sound. Ensemble between himself

ness of the opening had the airy vigour of scudding clouds, and the storm brought and the orchestra was finetuned. The Romance, with its an inkling of the orchestra's pogrand melody and tempestutential power. Everywhere ous middle section, has symwere touches of class: blissfulphonic proportions, and here some further engagement ly pure and even winds in the first movement, the "Scene by from the performers might the brook" opening with gauzy have heightened an otherwise keen performance. simo string patter in the third

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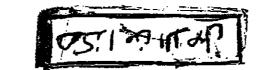
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When the scoundrels have to go

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Impeach him. Resign. Such insistent demands by angry legislators are invariably disappointed. President Clinton's acquittal by the Senate and the Blair Government's brusque dismissal of the Foreign Affairs Committee's criticisms over the Sierra Leone affair show how the executive holds most of the cards. It is time to rethink conventional ideas of accountability.

The tortuous impeachment process in America is based directly on British experience. which speakers in the trial often cited. Indeed, Erskine May, the parliamentary rule-book, lays down how impeachment could, in theory, still occur here. The procedures and language are similar. The Lower House (of Representatives, or the Commons) draws up articles of impeachment for "high crimes and misdemeanours" and appoints managers to conduct a case before the Upper House (the Senate, or the Lords).

In the 17th and 18th centuries, impeachment was a means of attacking ministers of the Crown without confronting the monarch directly. The American founding fathers deliberately included the President. However, while American procedures have not changed in the subsequent two centuries, British practice almost immediately altered.

Impeachments disappeared with the growth of Cabinet collective responsibility, as opposed to ministerial dependence on the Crown. Administrations could be removed, and often were in the 19th century, by successful votes of no confidence in the Com-

The theory of ministerial accountability has become very slippery. There was never an idellic peri

never an idyllic period when politicians were men of honour and accepted responsibility for all the actions of their departments and resigned. The behaviour of Lloyd George and Rufus Isaacs in the Marconi shares scandal of 1912-13 was far worse than anything that Peter Mandelson did, yet they stayed and he went

went.

The Crichel Down case in 1954 is often cited as proof of earlier high standards but it is widely misunderstood. Sir Thomas Dugdale resigned as Agriculture Minister not because he took responsibility for what officials did. but because he had lost the confidence of fellow Tory MPs.

Subsequently, have been made to distinguish between accountability and responsibility and between policy and administration. While a minister is accountable, in the sense of being publicly answerable, for everything done in a department, no one would argue that he or she should be held personally responsible for all actions by officials. But that does not help in the controversial case. A minister in trouble may have to explain the situation to MPs, but he usually tries to wriggle out of taking the

blame.
Whether a minister stays or goes reflects the political pressures of the day, rather than an absolute constitutional doctrine. Most resignations have.

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Such insistent demands by angry legislators are ariably disappointed. Presit Clinton's acquittal by the late and the Blair Govern-

The media has become more central to accountability than the Commons. Mr Mandelson spent 24 hours trying to stay in office by giving interviews but decided to resign when he believed he had lost the battle of the airwaves and the leader columns. Unfortunately, few politicians, or Prime Ministers, are willing to stand up to the Savonarolas of the Daily Mail and The Sun.

Yet the infrequency of resignations, particularly over policy, is also because governments believe their mandate is derived directly from the people. Having won office after an election, ministers argue that it is solely for voters to give their verdict. One of the strongest arguments against Mr Clinton's impeachment was that his Republican accusers were trying to overturn the result of the ballot box. What the President had done wrong was not sufficiently serious to justify reversing the result of the 1996 election.

This shift from representative to popular control entails a redefinition of accountability. As the Public Service Committee of MPs argued in July 1996: "Proper and rigorous scrutiny and accountability may be more important to

Parliament's ability to correct error
than forcing resignations." The combined impact of the
Nolan and Scott
reports in 1995-96
was to put greater
emphasis on accountability in
terms of openness
and disclosure. But
there has always

been a tension between formal accountability and the desire of ministers and officials to carry on business without too much public scrutiny. That conflict is again seen in current at

business without too much public scrutiny. That conflict is again seen in current attempts in Whitehall to limit the extent of disclosure (the so-called harm test) in the forthcoming freedom of information legislation.

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for the inquiry by the Foreign Affairs Committee into the Sierra Leone affair was to ensure such accountability to Parliament. The Government did itself no good by rubbishing the report immediately and arguing that it was unnecessary because of the (heavily sanitised) departmental inquiry by Sir Thomas Legg. However, it is questionable how far it is fair to criticise named officials who have no right of reply. This is also a threat to ministers, since civil servants may demand the right to dissociate themselves from their political masters. Similar issues arise now over the BSE inquiry which could be as politically explosive as the Scott report.

Instead of always trying to attach personal blame, and find scapegoats, the real focus should be on finding out what has happened and securing a full explanation. Throwing the scoundrels out is a job for the electorate — and Parliament's role is to provide voters with the information to do so.

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A culture of corruption

here is a simple rule to apply to Bill Clinton: when he is down, he is about to come back up, and when he is up he is about to fall back down again. His whole political career, since he was first elected as Governor of Arkansas has been that of a robber Humpty Dumpty. He was first called the Comeback Kid when he lost the governorship and then won it back.

His moment of maximum danger is when he is up. Then he is likely to make one of the hubristic mistakes which have disfigured his career. The moment of danger for his opponents is when he is down; he is then as dangerous as a cornered animal. By this rule, the Democrats should view his acquittal by the Senate as a portent of trouble to come. I do not expect him to spend his last two years in the White House quietly improving his reputation in history. On the contrary, he is quite likely now to alienate a number of those who have supported him through thick and thin.

Even the Senate vote has been ambiguous. He was acquitted, perhaps wrongly, on what was certainly the wrong charge. As I have argued earlier, there are two dark themes which run through Clinton's career. One is his abuse of women: not one woman but a Don Giovanni list of 100, 200, whatever. I find no account of a single case in which he has treated the woman well. The other is the money — not his personal money, but the \$50 million to \$100 million he has raised in political funds to fight his cam-

pointical funds to fight his campaigns for Governor and President. Clinton's relationships with the suppliers of these huge funds, and his abuse of state funds in Arkansas, may indeed contain high crimes and misdemeanours. The funders have included Dan Lasater, the millionaire cocaine felon and bond dealer who was a close friend, Don Tyson, whose firm made the "profit" of \$100,000 for Hillary, and mysterious Chinese companies. The question is what these providers of funds

were getting for their money.

There are also the kickbacks to campaign funds which were alleged to have been given by those given loans by the Arkansas Development and Finance Administration in the old days. Clinton signed off all the loans. If Kenneth Starr had concentrated on the money trail, he would have been investigating the serious public issues. By following the women, staggering though those stories are, he was trotting, like a bloodhound with double cataracts, after a red herring.

The Clinton case was simply the latest manifestation of the new world order of bungs and backhanders

However, if Starr had followed the money trail, he would have embarrassed not just the Democrats, but the Republicans as well. There is no major American politician who has not taken campaign funds from people who wanted something in return. Doubtful funding happens even here, where campaigning is much less expensive. The largest bank in Arkansas, which funded Clinton in the 1980s, also helped to fund Bob Dole the Republican presidential candidate in 1996. The trouble

fund raising was that he seemed prepared to take money from anybody, regardless of their character or of what the underlying deal would be. One important thing that Kenneth Starr did prove was that Clinton was a liar. He lied on oath; equally importantly he lied on

television to the

with Bill Clinton's

American people.
"I did not have sexual relations with that woman. Monika Lewinsky." That was a memorable moment in the history of the American presidency. Integrity in politics is largely concerned with truth and money, and much less often with sex as such. No one can now pretend, and few people still maintain, that the President of the United

The American people or the majority of them, particularly the women, seem to think that this is quite acceptable. They resent the idea that the President should be held accountable. The Democrats in the Senate, led by Ted Kennedy, of all people, either decided that Clinton did not lie on oath, which he plainly did, or that perjury does not matter. That is an understandable view for Ted Kennedy to adopt, given his past problems.

The world has the worry that

States is a man of integrity.

given his past problems.

The world has the worry that corruption is now spreading throughout politics. Clinton may have set a bad example, but he is not alone. One can almost say that corruption has now become the global norm.

The American constitution has not proved strong enough to nail down the Clinton scandal: the constitution of the European Union is not strong enough to nail down the financial scandals of the Commission. Most Labour MEPs, following their whips, voted against sanctioning the Commission for its irregularities.

Those who are amazed at Clinton's skills in beating the rap, should also feel amazement at Jacques Santer's skill in screening the errant and peccant from a just

censure and removal at Strasbourg. They mislaid some 10 per cent of the Commission's budget: Clinton never mislaid anything No one has called Jacques Santer the Comeback Kid. nor Edith Cresson the Comeback Queen of Europe, though she seems to bounce unscathed from one failure to another. What countries

are even relatively

free from corruption? Not France, where the most recently revealed Mitterrand scandal seems to have had a price tag of \$2.5 billion; the whole Arkansas Finance and Development Administration amounted to only \$700 million, though one has to admit that Arkansas is smaller than France. Not Ireland or Belgium, small European countries

with big financial scandals.

Not Britain. We bury our biggest financial scandals for a generation at a time. leaving them to be disinterred lovingly by historians after 30 years have past. The Lloyd's catastrophe, which ruined 20,000 families, has never been adequately investigated: Maxwell's close associates are still walking the streets, the picture of health and good humour. By and large, in Britain as in France, Europe has a secretive culture when it comes to our own scandals. At least in America things are somewhat more open. We actually now know about 10 per cent, perhaps 20 per cent, of the things Bill Clinton

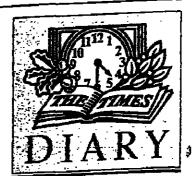
No doubt wealthy advanced economies can support the marginal cost of corruption, but weaker economies cannot. Russia has been looted and ruined. The Asian depression of 1998 was partly caused by corruption: Indonesia has been ruined by it. Even the two countries with the largest populations, India and China, see corruption as a major economic handicap. Several sub-Saharan African countries have also been ruined by criminal dictators, such as Bokassa or Mobutu, who shifted much of the national wealth to their own Swiss bank accounts. In these countries children die of malnutrition because of past corruption

orruption does ruin some countries, but it destroys public trust in all of them. This is not a party matter. John Major's government gave glib assurances about BSE, which proved unjustified. The distrust resulting from these assurances. which put the supposed welfare of undermined trust in Tony Blair's very similar assurances about genetically modified food. No one thinks that money passed hands in either case. The farmers did not contribute except trivially, to Conservative funds; I do not imagine Monsanto has contributed to Labour funds, but it has certainly lobbied in favour of its products.

People suspect that there is a culture of lobbyism and cronyism, of spin and sympathy, an exercise in the exchange of the favours of power, which accounts for too many public decisions. This damages business, which has its own mistrust to face. Who now trusts the tobacco companies? Or the pharmaceutical companies? Or thig oil? Or offshore arms contracts? Corruption now even damages sport, with allegations of drugs, bungs, bets and the case of the Olympic

In late 18th-century and early 19th-century Britain, honourable people, many of them evangelical Christians, were outraged by sinecures and corruption, and successfully rooted them out of British public life. For more than a century, the British even ran their huge empire without bribes. Now there is a new and global wave of corruption. We need a new sense of outrage, which is lacking in the US Senate, in the European Parliament, and lacking, alas, in Downing Street itself.

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Nimby blues

SIR ALAN and Lady Walters have become the victims of free enterprise. Despite opposition from Baroness Thatcher's monetarist adviser and his wife. Westminster is to allow David Emil, patron of Manhattan's Rainbow Room, to open for business round the corner from their Mayfair residence.

The New Yorker has hired David

The New Yorker has hired David Rockwell to spend £3 million on premises in Berkeley Street which will entertain up to 473 customers, with two restaurants, bars and a dancefloor until 3am.

Lady Walters is frustrated that she and her neighbours failed to discourage Westminster's enthusiasm for deregulation. "It's part of the Soho-isation of Mayfair." she tells me. "One would just hope people will be decorous." Sir A's 1974 Noise and Prices might now need to be revised.

● THE newly installed Bishop of Southwell, the Venerable George Cassidy, nearly binned the job offer because he thought it was yet another piece of dreary junk mail from English Heritage.

Oh, Wuther!

THAT artistic outpost in the North, the West Yorkshire Playhouse, has confused the area's most acclaimed literary daughters. The theatre sent leaflets of its forthcoming production of Wuthering Heights to 1,000



subscribers, featuring a picture of Charlotte rather than Emily Bronte. The Playhouse's excuse? "If you look at a picture of the three sisters [above], they are identical."

CAN Mark Seddon possibly be causing trouble for Peter Mandelson, his colleague on the NEC? His Tribune this weekend quotes the inventor of new Labour in 1970: "Comrades, as a political party committed to socialist principles, we must fight under the banner of these principles. We can either go stronger to play our part in the fight for a programme of socialism or we can descend into absurdity."

Trading up THE Duke and Duchess of Devon-

THE Duke and Duchess of Devonshire plan to expand. They wish to open a branch of their charming farm shop at Chatsworth in London. On offer will be meat from the Derbyshire estate and delicacies such as Her Grace's fruit cake. "Many farmers are dealing with the devastation of the beef industry by doing B&B," a friend of the couple tells me. "But they cannot possibly do that at Chatsworth."



● LADY Meyer's bad hair day. When she prepares to play hostess for Sir Christopher, her husband, at the British Embassy in Washington, she is almost defeated by FCO parsimony: "I switch on my hairdryer and the lights dim."

Mass protest

ORGAN wars at Mayfair's Farm Street Church. During Latin Mass at Britain's grandest Roman Catholic establishment, where regulars include the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, Sir Alec Guinness and King Juan Carlos, Father Vincent Hawe's attempts to show the Host at the second Agnus Dei were twice defeated by crashing chords from the orean loft

the organ loft.

When he finally got a chance to gain his audience's full attention, the Jesuit priest commented noisily:

"And for the third time." Fur coats in the pew were shocked as much by his words as his use of English.

● THE next lecture at London's Arab Research Centre is entitled: "The Palestinian Issue: the difficulty of moving forward or backward."

JASPER GERARD

Alcoholism, the Russians understand. This must be a really big drinker, even worse than me, they think with grudging reverence

t can be extremely difficult to get hold of my friend Roma. At weekends he is what is called a Tamodar, a Georgian word meaning toastmaster. He turns up at weddings just after the "I do" bit but before everybody sits down to dinner (Russian weddings are round-the-table events), performs a welcoming ceremony which involves salt and vodka and starts entertaining people. He tells jokes, makes toasts and organises games for about seven hours as the guests get drunker and drunker and drunker.

drunker.

Roma never touches a drop. "I tell them I'm a recovering alcoholic. They won't listen to any other excuse." he says. This is true. Drinking Russians are deeply suspicious of teetotallers and often view it as a sign that the sober person holds them in contempt. "Don't you respect

me? they will ask until you cave in and start drinking vodka shots with them. Alcoholism, on the other hand, they understand. This must be a really big drinker, even worse than me, they think with grudging reverence. single Saturday, all year round, though he performs under various different pseudonyms so as not to have to pay protection to the Tamodar mafia. His

Roma's wedding guests number anywhere between 20 and 300 but the price is not pegged to the quantity of revellers. Before the beginning of the economic crisis in August he would turn down offers of \$150 (£93) for his services but now he is forced to Tamodar for \$50 or less. When things are getting boring he chooses someone who looks game and starts to lay into them, to the great glee (he claims) of the other guests. He insists that he is not the equivalent of an English best man because Russian grooms have a best man as

well. Roma has a wedding every

single Saturday. all year round, though he performs under various different pseudonyms so as not to have to pay protection to the Tamodar massa. His work tends to begin around 2pm. just giving him time to fit in a morning of editing before he has to be off.

For Roma is also the producer/presenter of a hugely popular latenight television programme aimed at new-rich Russian men. In fact I first met him at a St Andrew's Day dinner in a Moscow hotel. He was dashing about with a camera crew asking the men what they were wearing

under their kilts.

Alone. Roma has to prepare four, five-minute slots per week. which would be quite enough for

has to do all his own research and tape editing and he is allowed to use the camera for only one day a week. This job earns him about \$30 a month. In the early evening, if he is not still at work, Roma goes home to be with his wife and baby son. "I am a real peasant." he says. "I

any man but he also

can't let my wife work." He was brought up to believe that a man should support his family, and support his family he will. But that is not to say that he is idle of an evening.

Most days a senior Russian general will call and invite Roma

round to give him piano and

accordion lessons for \$5 an hour.

The general is convinced that

Luzhkov will be the next Presi-

request the pleasure of Roma's presence. Roma gets down to some real work. He writes freelance articles for a huge collection of foundering magazines, all of whose readerships have plummeted since the crisis. "I'm a journalist at heart. Not so much a journalist but an engineer of human idiocy," he laughs, playing with an official Sovier title.

A Ithough, in fact, by educa-

dent of Russia and Roma insists

that he is a man who would

know. But if the general does not

tion Roma is a musician and a graduate of an extremely prestigious music school, the Gneissen Institute, which produced the virtuoso pianist Evgeni Kissin. Roma is quite often booked to play his accordion or the keyboards for advertising jingles or for inde-

are trying to produce their CDs on the cheap. He insists he is not alone in having more than five jobs — he knows hundreds of doctors and musicians who moonlight as taxi drivers and at least one circus performer who in the evenings has a job for an escort agency delivering prostitutes to mainly foreign clients.

Even with his nightmarishly hectic schedule, Roma is barely holding things trougther financial.

pendent recording artists who

hectic schedule. Roma is barely holding things together financially, for he loathes business and refuses to get involved in the buying or selling of anything except the things he can offer himself. As his country's economy collapses around him he is attempting to stay true to the things he loves. And the amazing thing about Roma is that he is 25 years old.

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BALKAN BRINKMANSHIP

Serbs and Kosovans have five days to do a deal

Madeleine Albright's message yesterday to everything to do with its desperate attempt President Milutinovic of Serbia could not to forestall Nato military hegemony in the have been blumer. Unless the Serbs begin serious business at the Kosovo peace talks, they face Nato air strikes. Her exaspera-tion, shared by all the Contact Group members, is fully justified. For a full week. wasting time and international effort, the Serb delegation has attempted to use the Paris conference for propaganda. It has refused serious consideration of the framework agreement and its annexes and has tabled no amendments, supposedly on the grounds that it is awaiting instructions. Instead the Serbs have demanded that both sides first sign an agreement guaranteeing Yugoslavia's territorial integrity: this is a precondition that they know is unaccepta-

ble to the secessionist Kosovo Albanians. Reluctantly, the Contact Group has agreed to another five days of talks. But already the velvet gloves of diplomacy are being set aside. Ms Albright told Mr Milutinovic that if the Serbs are the cause of a breakdown, America was determined to go ahead with the air strikes already authorised by Nato. Her warning has been usefully reinforced by President Clinton's announcement that America was ready to contribute up to 4,000 ground troops to a Nato force of 30,000 that would police an eventual deal. Serbia can no longer count on the West's reluctance to commit its forces to intervening — either as peacekeepers or, if necessary, to confront Serb troops.

Britain and France, co-chairing the meetings, have been less explicit in public but no less determined to end the Rambouillet charade. In this they have been supported by the Russians, who know that unless they can produce concessions from Belgrade they have no hope of preventing Western air strikes. Moscow has long lost patience with President Milosevic its support for Belgrade has little to do with any Slavic feeling and

Ms Albright has succeeded at least in forcing the two sides to meet face-to-face. But this does not signify much. Both want to give an impression of negotiating in good faith; neither has any intention of doing so. The sticking point is the military annexe to the framework agreement. This calls on the Serbs to withdraw their troops, rein in their special forces and accept the deployment of foreign soldiers.

Mr Milosevic has repeatedly demonstrated the mendaciousness of past such undertakings; he seems to think that only the threat of further massacres will prevent an armed uprising by the entire Albanian population. The annexe also calls on fighters of the Kosovo Liberation Army to lay down their arms and return to their villages. Few of the monitors in the field expect them to do any such thing. Indeed, arms are still pouring across the Albanian border: youthful volunteers are swelling the KLA's ranks; and secure bases are being constructed in the mountains secure from both Serb or Nato attack.

Tony Blair made clear at the weekend that the West has no intention of sending Nato troops to Kosovo unless and until a political agreement is in place. The message is directed at the KLA. Nato is not the KLA air force, nor are Western troops available to secure a free hand for secessionists. The military compromises demanded by the propsed framework agreement will only be possible if the Contact Group is uncompromising with both sides.

Prospects for success at Rambouillet are. poor. The Serbs are still not reconciled to any meaningful autonomy; the Albanians are determined to fight for immediate independence. They have five days to draw back from the brink.

I HAVE A THEME

A Tory agenda is discernible across the Atlantic

William Hague took a risk in venturing across the Atlantic at the point when the impeachment debate reached its denoument. He seemed only to be confirming his reputation for lucklessness by seeking out American politicians at a time when their attentions were inevitably elsewhere. But if there was a damp soulb in Washington this week, it was the climax of the President's trial, not Mr Hague's visit. The Conservative leader may not have dominated television screens stateside, but he did find himself on the same wavelength as some of the continent's most successful centre-right politicians.

The elixir of political success does not always travel well. But there are signs that Mr Hague has been emboldened by his experiences to develop new themes for a more modern conservatism. On arrival he explained that he had come to exchange ideas, not just pillage them. But he conceded that the United States, with federal, state and city governments, was a political laboratory on a scale unmatched anywhere else. That observation was a indication of a growing turn towards decentralisation. The promotion of diversity in adminsitration as a good in itself, and a competitive goad to the improvement of services, is becoming a Hague theme.

The Conservatives displayed an indifference towards local government which hardened into distaste during the Thatcher and Major years. It will take some time before memories of that hostility fades. But the enthusiasm with which Mr Hague applauded the effects of decentralisation on

New York schools was an earnest of intent. His meeting with George W. Bush Jr, the Governor of Texas, was intended to showcase the salesman for a more compassionate conservatism. Mr Hague

hoped to learn from the Governor the trick of trumping a centrist opponent. British and Texan notions of compassion do not always overlap. Enthusiasm for state execution is unlikely to be interpreted in the United Kingdom as a kinder, gentler politics, but it is a precondition of power in the Deep South. Yet, despite those divergences. Mr Hague did appear to have been stengthened in some of his convictions after meeting Mr Bush. The Tory leader's desire to create a more inclusive party, by challenging traditional prejudices and appealing to constituencies hitherto neglected, reliects the bush agenda of raiding for votes in enemy territory, especially among ethnic minorities.

Mr Bush is not the only American on the Right who has outflanked the Left. The New York mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, has been under siege this week following the death of an unarmed black man at the hands of his police officers. The tragedy has distracted American attention from the real improvement in crime rates and welfare rolls during Mr Giuliani's tenure. But Mr Hague was attentive to the underlying trends in the city, and showed a willingness to think afresh on policing. emphasising the need for a step change in the management structures of law enforcement agencies if policies such as "zero tolerance" were to be anything more than rhetorical flourishes. Impatient Conservatives sometimes fear that, shorn of his rhetorical flourishes, Mr Hague has still to prove himself.

There is still a considerable distance to travel before he inspires a feeling of easy confidence in his capacity to govern. But his journey to America, and his exploration of new political territory, are steps in the right direction.

A SPORTING CHANCE

A spirit of fair play is the soul of football

sporting gesture at the end of their match with Sheffield United is to consider how football would stand if that beau geste had never been made. Football has often fallen foul of fair play in recent years. Cut-throat commercialism and lucrative win bonuses have shouldered good sportsmanship off the pitch. And Saturday's FA cup match might have descended into on-pitch chaos and vituperative post mortems after Arsenal's new Nigerian player, Nwankwo Kanu, intercepted a ball that was being returned to the opposition after it had been kicked out of play following an injury to an

Turning it across the goalmouth. Mr Kanu presented a teammate with the opportunity to take an easy goal. But tempers were soothed by Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger. Taking an unprecendented decision, this Frenchman reminded the English inventors of football of the honourable principles underlying their sport by offering United a replay. "It wasn't right to win that way," he said

Arsenal has among the worst disciplinary record of any premiership football team. Seven players have been sent off this season alone. So Mr Wenger's decision does much to redress the less than perfect reputation of his club. But more than this, in the same week in which the MCC has

The best measure of Arsenal's grand decided to enshrine a phrase about the "spirit of the game" in cricketing laws. he has made the sort of gentlemanly gesture which helps to reinstate fair play at the heart of sporting endeavour. In a culture of intimidation of referees, of gamesmanship and professional fouls, old-fashioned rectitude makes a rare lap of honour.

The Football Association, which has won a dithering reputation in recent years, gave its support to Mr Wenger with unusual alacrity. There are those who will cavil that in doing so it has undermined the authority of adjudicating officials in real time; that the referee's decision will no longer be regarded as unquestionably final now that it has once been overturned. There is a risk that the game could be exposed to unscrupulous copycat claims in the future. But the convention that, after injury, the ball should be returned to the fouled player's goalkeeper is long held and conciliatory. The FA was right to support it. even if not officially written into the rules. And, although it is unlikely that a replay could have been forced, once Arsenal had called for one it was appropriate to accept. The gate money taken at the annulled match should be given to charitable causes. Football has won an opportunity to show that it values a spirit of sportsmanship more highly than success alone. It should make the most of it.

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UK's obligation to intervene abroad

From Mr Edmund Cairns

Sir, Simon Jenkins (February 10) takes issue with my article in the journal, Renewal, which combines praise for where the Government has firmly defended human rights with encouragement for it to do rather more so. More importantly, he criticises the Government on Kosovo for doing rather too much. "All this," he mocks, "fisl because murders were committed by paramilitary gangs operating entirely within the borders

of a sovereign state."

Whether or not the outside world has any business in preventing such murders — in Sudan as much as Kosovo - is the fundamental disagreement. On the one hand, some. welcome the development of international law over more than 50 years, which now holds that some actions by states, murder for instance, are so wrong that they violate universal human rights, and place some obligation on other states to do what they can to prevent them. This view leads to the court case in London this week over crimes committed in Belarus, as well as attempts to end the killing in

Others hold the view that whatever a state does is its business alone. The choice between those views is quite a basic moral one - a belief in universal rights or not. But even if most of us hold that belief, it prompts the question of how best we, as outsiders, can help.

Working with those inside a country seeking peace and human rights is perhaps a fundamental. But it does not mean that there are no times when outside troops are required to protect civilians from the bullets of their brutal governments - or indeed

If this is so, Mr Jenkins suggests satirically, "Sandline International and its ilk" will have to do it. I hope not. Last year's Strategic Defence Review suggested that such operations would become more common for Britain's more formal armed forces. Where the UK can make a useful contribution, with others, in Kosovo and elsewhere, it should.

Sincerely, EDMUND CAIRNS, Walnut Cottage, 32 High Street, Haddenham, Buckinghamshire HPI7 8ER. ecairns@lofgren.demon.co.uk February 11.

From Mr J. E. Humphrey

Sir. Do not the tortuous Kosovo strivings add weight to the opinion that there is a fundamental and extravagant unreason in the supposition that, through the agency of the United Nations, Nato or otherwise, we have a right or duty to intervene in civil wars or like upheavals abroad?

is it not arrogant to assume that our ideas for a solution are welcome imports for peoples with centuries of different culture and history behind

Is there not an impracticability in committing ground forces to operations among a populace at logger-heads with itself and in unfamiliar terrain, where our troops would have little way of knowing (until first shot at) who was friend and who was foe? And does not that very impracticability result inevitably in prevarications, frustrations, bluff, deadlines, "final" warnings which are not final and. ultimately, perhaps, in inconclusive assaults with explosives, carrying more peril to innocent civilians than to the warring factions?

Does it not need some re-thinking? Yours faithfully, J. E. HUMPHREY, Offington Gardens. Worthing, West Sussex BN14 9AT. February 12.

From Mr David Damant

Sir, The present Foreign Secretary may perhaps learn a lesson from the behaviour of a former Foreign Secretary at a meeting held at the Foreign Office on May 25, 1913:

The delegates of Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro and Turkey, somewhat sheepish in their frock coats, were ranged one by one upon the carpet. Sir Edward Grey advanced towards them and fixed them with his eagle eye; he pointed towards them with an outstretched and imperative linger he summoned to his assistance the total resources of his Wykehamist French. "Ou signer," he shouled at them. "ou partir." The Treaty of London was signed between Turkey and the Balkan states on May 30. From Lord Carnock, by Sir Harold

The lesson is, however, that only a month later the second Balkan war broke out, between Bulgaria and Serbia . . .

Yours faithfully. DAVID DAMANT, Agar House. 12 Agar Street, WC2N 4HN. February 12.

God and judgment From Mr Robert Wilson

Sir, I would prefer to be judged by Canon John Halliburton's loving, for-giving God as opposed to a cruel and vindictive one (letter, February 5). I'm just delighted by a leading churchman's belief that, come Judgment Day, we might be given a choice.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT WILSON, 7 Heron Drive, Stanstead Abbots. Hertfordshire SGI2 8TU.

New Labour and dangers that are not so new

From Mr David W. Faull

Sir, Very occasionally, perhaps once in every 25 years, there appears in the press an article which is seminal, and that written by Lord Beloff (February 9: letters, February II and 12) is one. He may have exaggerated his case, but the general thrust was something that has needed to be said for a long time. This is a dangerous government and you now hear people saying this.

The Government's policies in the Middle East and Ireland have failed, its social policies are incoherent and unjust, it has attacked pensions and reduced the value of people's savings at a time when it alleges that it wishes people to be more self-reliant in providing for themselves.

It is forcing the people down the road to a single currency, carefully not explaining the implications for ordinary people. Its transport policies are ill-conceived and simply designed to raise revenue under the guise of environmental improvement, but in reality increasingly fragmenting society by making travel too expensive. Financial policies continue the un-

instead of lowering them and raising direct taxes - again undermining social cohesion. Overall, of course, taxes could and should be lowered. Much more seriously, Parliament is being treated with scant respect, the Union is undermined and the second chamber is destroyed (not reformed).

with no one knowing what will

fair and unjust drift to indirect taxes

Royal Family. Power moves steadily into the hands of a very few.
If one thought that any of this was directed towards creating a more just,

equitable and God-fearing society one might feel one should accept it. But it is not, and we shall be destroyed if we do not wake up to it. Yours faithfully. D. W. FAULL.

From Lord Grenfell

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Sir, As a peer taking the Labour whip. married to a German whose father was hanged by the Nazis in 1944 for his anti-Hitler plotting, I am doubly outraged by Lord Beloff's article. To draw such a travesty of a parallel between Tony Blair's prime ministership and the unsurpassed horror of Hitler's dictatorship is totally unworthy of an historian of Lord Beloff's

The fact that Lord Beloff is free to express such flawed and offensive arguments in the public prints is evidence enough that the parallel he draws is nonsensical.

pointment arrangements, more ac-

countable to the consumer, and cease

to be a drain on the public purse. QCs

should be subject to appraisal from

time to time, required to undergo con-

tinuing education in their chosen spe-

cialities and subject to a compulsory

retirement age.
If judges have to hang up their wigs at 70, why not QCs?

Yours sincerely JULIAN GRENFELL House of Lords. February 9.

replace it. The Blairs are presented as the First Family, thus undermining From Councillor A. G. D. Wynne

Sir, In February 1950 Winston Church-ill published the Conservative election manifesto containing the following: Conservatives believe in the Constitution as a safeguard of liberty. Socialists believe that it should be used for Party ends... Without mandate and without reason they have reduced the powers of the House of Lords and taken the country a long way towards single chamber government. By over-contralisation of power they have gravely weakened our system of democratic

local government. Half a century on, Max Beloff has expertly examined the threat implicit in the new Labour programme. How little has changed.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW WYNNE, l Compton Park, Wolverhampton WV3 9DU. February 14.

From Mr Andrew Currie

Sir. During the 1980s a defeated and demoralised Left regularly drew comparisons between Mrs Thatcher, Hit-ler and the Third Reich. It was silly then and it's silly now and, as Mr Richard Wood pointed out (letters. February 11), more down to frustration than historical analysis.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW CURRIE. 115 Northside Clapham Common, London SW4 9SW. February 12.

Monitoring QCs

From Mr Andrew Dismore. MP for Hendon (Labour)

Sir, Sir John Lea suggests (letter, February 9) that there is as strong a need for a system to keep "MPs up to scratch after they are appointed", as there is for QCs. He apparently forgets that MPs are elected, not appoint-

ed - a fundamental distinction. Amongst others, there are two crucial differences between the two jobs. QCs are appointed from second-hand information based on secret references never made available either to applicants or the public. MPs are elected through an open, competitive procedure called the general election.

OCs are appointed for life, with no compulsory retirement age or reappraisal, over what could be decades of practice after appointment. MPs are answerable to their constituents, who every four to five years can re-elect or reject their MP.

If the QC system is to survive, then it must become more open in its ap-

Sir, Mr Andrew Nicol, Chair of the

Immigration Law Practitioners' Asso-

ciation (letter, February 9), writes of

the difficulties being caused to the

international business community by

the virtual shutdown of the Immigra-

tion and Nationality Directorate of the Home Office (IND). This is only

Yours faithfully. ANDREW DIŚMORE. House of Commons.

From Mr Benedict Birnberg

Sir, Whilst the Lord Chancellor is looking at the selection process for QCs and who pays for it, he would do well to ponder whether this time-honoured but self-serving designation has any useful place in a modernised justice system.

Yours faithfully. BENEDICT BIRNBERG. B. M. Birnberg & Co (solicitors), 103 Borough High Street, SEI INN. February II.

is effectively deprived of the freedom Visa delays

to travel abroad -- even to conduct business - and the spouse has become virtually an illegal immi-

after applying for them and having queued at Croydon. Such action would put the visa application at the back of the queue.

grant, with no means of identification. Should an emergency create the need

to travel, the applicants might be able

to retrieve their passports seven days

one aspect of the chaos it is creating. Is it lawful to treat people in this Applications for visas for "foreign" spouses of British citizens have to be Yours faithfully. submitted with many original docu-E. WHEELER, ments, including the passport of the The Old Bakehouse, British citizen. The IND advises that Minster Lovell, it is unlikely that applications will be Oxfordshire OX8 5RN.

processed in less than eight months. The result is that the British spouse

From Mrs E. Wheeler

Bug alert

From Mr Brian Tomlinson

Sir. The Millennium Bug really works. Today, the first of a set of annual alarms on my computer went off. When I cancelled it, it promptly recycled endlessly from 9 Feb 99 in 9 Feb 1900, requiring me to cancel each one as it came up. I could not get at the parent program to stop it.

It was not difficult to recover and delete all alarms from the program. but had it been some kind of automatic, unattended system . . . ?

Yours faithfully, BRIAN TOMLINSON, 50 Hermitage Court, El 9PW. briantomlinson@freeuk.com February 9.

From Mr Robin Bruce Lockhart Sir. Although I do not quarrel with the conclusion by Ms Gill Bennett, chief historian at the Foreign Office.

that the Secret Intelligence Service played no part in forging the Zinoviev Letter (report, February 4), 1 believe that it is wrong to attribute the forgery to White Russians living in Latvia. There can be no doubt that it was organised by Sidney Reilly, a British spy, assisted by Vladimir Orlov, an ex-Cheka officer who had fled to Berlin from Russia.

writings of his contained among papers which I have sent to the Hoover Institute. It was confirmed by my late father, Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, the British diplomat sent to Moscow by ·Lloyd George in September 1918 to work for the downfall of Lenin and imprisoned there for about a month.

It was further confirmed by Reilly's associates in MIIC (forerunner of MI6) and MI5; by a Russian publication in 1966 (the year that the Foreign Office announced that its file on the

An eye on the past

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From Mr N. J. Thompson

Sir, Congratulations to the scientists from Indiana State University who have discovered that some birds sleep at night with one eye open (report, February 4). Sadly they are late with this revelation. A glance at The Prologue to The Canterbury Tales will show that, in about 1386, Chaucer wrote (Nevill Coghill's translation): And the small fow! are making melody That sleep away the night with open eye.

Yours faithfully. NEIL J. THOMPSON, Hurdley Hall, Hurdley, Churchstoke, Powys SY15 6DY. February 4.

Zinoviev Letter

Reilly's responsibility is proven by

Zinoviev Letter had gone missing) which quoted Reilly's admission of his role to a Soviet agent provocateur; and by a Soviet KGB officer in 1988. when I visited the USSR for the 70th anniversary of my father's release from the Kremlin.

Sidney Reilly worked for our Secret Intelligence Service right up to his 'disappearance" into Russia in 1924; but he was also very much of an independent operator, plotting to establish Savinkoff in place of Lenin. He did not intend to help the Conservatives but simply to arouse anti-Communist feeling in the UK.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN BRUCE LOCKHART (Author, Ace of Spies, Hodder and Stoughton, 1967), 37 Adelaide Crescent, Hove BN3 2JL. February 4.

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The Monty style

From Viscount Montgomery of Alamein

Sir, My father visited Manchester Grammar School on October 10, 1945 (Mr Michael Goldman's letter, February 3). He was visiting Manchester to receive the freedom of the city, and at the same time had been invited by the

High Master to address the school. The High Master was Dr Eric James, later Lord James of Rusholme, who had previously been a master at Winchester where I had the very good fortune to be taught by him, and

where he had met my father. Eric James was an inspired teacher and great educationalist, and my father would have been delighted to respond to his invitation to address a school with such a fine reputation as

Manchester Grammar School. Yours faithfully. MONTGOMERY House of Lords. February 10.

From Lady James of Rusholme

Sir, Monty's visit to Manchester Frammar School, in the autumn of 1945, was at the invitation of my late husband, the then High Master, who had taught Monty's son at Winchester during the war years and had got to know him when he came to visit his

Monty would stay a night with the Headmaster, Spencer Leeson, and liked to have a discussion party in the evening (he was not without a trace of vanity - he once asked Mrs Leeson what she had done with a photograph of him which was not in its usual

I don't know why Monty forgot the visit. He certainly did not forget my husband, as we had a Christmas card every year till he died. It was always the first to arrive.

Yours sincerely. CORDELIA JAMES. Penhill Cottage, West Witton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4LP. February 3.

From Sir Peter Kemp

Sir, During the war I was a pupil at Amesbury School in Hindhead which the then General Montgomery used as his home when he wasn't chasing the Germans and Italians.

One day he attended the school boxing finals, there to witness small boys beating other small boys into pulp. He duly presented the prizes. Having done that he turned to the loser most covered in blood and took off his own wristwatch and gave it to him.

In the minds of us small boys there was of course no comparison between some cup you couldn't hang on to, and the wristwatch, no doubt still dirty with desert sand, that had belonged to the great man.

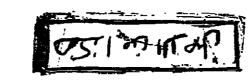
I often wonder what the moral of the story is. Yours etc, PETER KEMP.

2 Longton Avenue, SE26 6QJ. February 8.

Golden years

From Mr Edward Black Sir. I would contend that the onset of middle age can be determined with some precision (letters, January 5, 12, 19, 26 and 28; February 1 and 8). It occurs at the point where irritation at those who are wont to observe that standards in a certain matter were higher 25 years ago is replaced by a tendency to observe that the skills shown by practitioners of certain arts. sciences or sports are not what they were a quarter century past.

Yours truly, EDWARD B. BLACK 32 Hampstead Way, NWII 7JL. February 9.





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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

February 14: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this

evening attended a Gala Performance to celebrate the reopening of Wimbledon Theatre. the Broadway, Wimbledon,

Birthdays today

Mr John Adams, composer, 52; Mr Clive Aslet, Editor, Country Life, 44: Sir Nicholas Bayne, former diplomat, 62: Sir Harold Beeley, former diplomat, 90; Miss Claire Bloom, actress, 68; Mr Tony Bloom, former deputy chairman, Sketchley, 60; the Earl of Carlisle, 50; Mr Dan Crompton, former Chief Constable, Nottingham shire, 58; Mrs Chioë Davis, former senior information officer. National Citizens Advice Bureaux Council. 90: Sir Maurice Drake, former High Court judge, 76; Mr Frank Dunlop, former director, Edinburgh International Festival, 72; the Countess of Dysart. 85; Mr Harper, actor and broadcaster, 70: Professor Andrew Miller, Princi-Professor Andrew Miller. Princi-pal and Vice-Chancellor, Stirling University, 63; Sir Richard O'Br ien, former chairman, Manpo Services Commission, 79; Mr C.F. Payne, former Chief Constable, Cleveland, 69; Sir William Reid, former Ombudsman, 68, Miss Jane Seymour, actress, 48, Miss Clare Short, Secretary of State for Mr P.J. Souire, former Headmas-Bedford Modern School, 62; Sir Adrian Swire, former chairman, John Swire and Sons, 67; Lord Justice Ward, 61.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pedro Menendez de Aviles, novelist, Aviles, Spain, 1519; Galileo Galilei, mathematician Michael Praetorius, composer, Kreuzberg, Germany, 1571 (and he died on this day, Wolfenbüntel, 1621); King Louis XV of France, reigned 1715-74, Versailles, 1710; Jeremy Bernham, Utilitarian phi-North Whitehead, philosopher, Ramsgate, 1861; Sir Halford John Mackinder, geographer, Gainsbor-ough, Lincolnshire, 1861; Sir Ban-nicke Eacher architect and narhinister Fletcher, architect and architectural historian, London, 1866; Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer, Kilkee, Co Clare, 1874: John Barrymore, actor, Philadel-phia, 1882; H.M. Bateman, cartoonist, Sutton Forest, New South Wales, 1887; Graham Hill, racing

DEATHS: Henry Deane, Archbishop of Canterbury 1501-03, entomologist, Amsterdam, 1680; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury, writer, Naples, 1713; Gothold Lessing, dramatist, Braunschweig, Germany, 1781; Henry Hunt, political reformer, Alresford, Hampshire, 1835; Mikhail Glinka, composer, Berlin, 1937; Nicholan Wisserson, Cardinal 1857: Nicholas Wiseman, Cardinal ster 1850-65, London, 1865; Alexander Borodin, composer, St Peters-burg, 1887; Lew Wallace, American Civil War general and author of

Ben Hur, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1905: Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Prime Minister 1908-16, Sutton Courtenay, Berkshire, 1928; Ethel Mer-

man, singer, New York, 1984. Lecture

Society of Trust and Estate

The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners held The STEP Mil-Practitioners beid The STEP Mil-lennium Lecture at Glaziers' Hall, London, on February 10, 1999. Over 120 senior practitioners in the fields of trusts and estates gathered to hear the lecture by Professor Peter Willoughby entitled 'Mis-placed Trust' The Chairmen Ma placed Trust. The Chairman, Ms Philippa Blake-Roberts, chaired the meeting, which was supported by Capel-Cure Sharp.

Mountbatten **Festival of Music**

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, was host at the Mountbatten Festival of Music, given by the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines in the Royal Albert Hall, on February 12. Major General Rob-ert Fulton. Commandant General. Royal Marines, was host on February II and 13. On respective days the principal guests were Admiral Sir Peter Abbott, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Mr Doug Henderson, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, and Lady Pamela Hicks.

Rendcomb College

The Governors of Rendcomb College, Gloucestershire are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Gerry Holden, MA, to be Headmaster from September 1, 1999. Mr Holden is currently Deputy Headmaster of Frensham Heights School

Tonbridge School

Music, Art and Technology Scholarships 1999 The following awards, listed in alphabetical order, have been made for September 1999:

Cohen (Oukwood Park, Grammar School, Maidstune); Michael Collins (St. Andyns, Rottingdenu); Giles Ribbian (Didwich College Preparatory School, London); Thomas Pleming (The New Beacon, Sevenoalst); Alexander Harrild (Dolwich College Preparatory School, London); Edward Hunt (Sevenoalst); Alexander Kinght (St. Paul's Cuthedral School, London); Adrian Ng (St. Paul's Co-educational College, Hong Kong); Gracley Webb (Hilden Grange, Toulordege). Art/Technology Scholarships Paul Green (Bickley Park, Bickley); Alexander Heathcote (Heath Mount School, Hertford); James Keane (The New Beacon, Sevenoalst); San Kim (King's College School, Cambridge); Harvey Parsons (Milbourne Lodge, Esber); Daniel Watson (Dolwich College Preparatory School, London).

Today's royal engangements

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, will attend the Air League's 90th anniversary dinner at the Mansion House, London EC2, at 7.15. The Princess Royal, patron, the Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison Castle Huntly, Longforgan, Near Dundee, at 10.50: will attend the Scottish Equestrian Association's Scottish Equestrian Gathering and Young Achievers Day at the Gleneagles Hosel, Auchterarder, at 1.00; and as patron, Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the Clackman-nan District Citizens Advice Bu-reau, 47 Drysdale Street, Alioa, Clackmannanshire, at 3.35.

Ball

Oxford Union The Austrian Ambassador and Dr Nowothy were the guests of hon-our at an Oxford Union Society ball held on Saturday at the Union Society. Mr Theodore Mills, presi-dent of the Oxford Union, was the host. General Sir Hugh Beach was among those present.

Service dinners

HMS Collingwood Commander Paul Morris presided at a ladies night dinner held on Saturday in filo-HMS Colling-wood. Mrs Steve White also spoke.

RAF HQ Nato Air Commodore Phillip Roser, Deputy United Kingdom Military Representative at Nato Headquar-ters, and RAF Officers, serving and retired, in Brussels, were the hosts at a Valentine's ladies guest

night dinner held on Saturday at the Prins Albert Military Club. Wing Commander John Boyd presided and Group Captain Clive Cooper also spoke. The Belgian Air Force Band played a welcome to the guest who included Mr Leslie Beech, Royal Air Force Associa-

PPDC Mr Neil Telling President of the Rederation of Plastering and Drywall Contractors, and Mr Ernest Pilgrim, Master of the Plaisterers'

Company have jointly presented the Plaisterers Trophy awards to

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ngs. Sheffield. Scottish Regional award, Edin-burgh Castle, to Cliveden Conser-Berkshire.

Special London and South East Regional award, Windsor Castle, to St Blaise, Dorchester.
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Regional award, Windsor Castle to
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Crabb Plastering Trophy, St Mary & St Monica's Roman Catholic Church, Huddersfield, to Prontolight Plastering, Huddersfield. Crabb Silver Salver, Goodwood House, West Sussex, to Hayles & Howe, Bristol.



The film stars Roger Moore and Sophia Loren arriving at the 17th Opera Ball in Frankfurt on Saturday evening. Some 2,500 guests from the worlds of showbusiness, politics and business took part in the gala, "A Touch of Carnival"

Orchids rise like phoenix from the ashes at Kew

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE value of fires in tropical forests is not immediately apparent, creating as it does visions of the destruction of vast areas of vegetation.

But controlled fires, as practised by villagers in various parts of the world, including Thailand, Vietnam and Central America, actually help to maintain lowland forests. Burning the dry leaf litter on the forest floor without harm-ing the trees stimulates new plant growth, which benefits the villagers.

This is the message being put across by a display inspired by the phoenix rising from the ashes at the annual Kew Orchid Festival, Orchids in warm colours have been used, such as massed yellow cymbidiums and red phalaenopsis and oncidiums. The phoenix, represented by a woven-willow sculpture, rises through "flames" of red and vellow willow and dogwood

Each display at the restival which opened yesterday in the from Madagascar, each flow-Princess of Wales Conservatory, has been inspired by myths, legends and stories, but all have a serious mes-

sage.
The display of pink and white cymbidiums and phalaenopsis orchids inspired by the Arthurian legends high-

becoming extinct before their potential value to medicine has been assessed: Merlin the wizard, you may remember, created all his potions from forest plants. So conservation is the message here, as it is in the display of slipper orchids inspired by the Cinderella story. These are under great threat in the wild due to

over-collecting, as they are the most desired of all orchids. The tropical section of the conservatory has a Jack and the Beanstalk theme, with the climbing vanilla orchid representing the beanstalk. Just as Jack returned from his adventure with wealth, so the vanilla orchid is a generator of wealth in Madagascar, where it is the most important export crop.

The tropical display area also shows the orchid diversity at Kew, giving a taste of the sheer variety in shape, size and colour of orchids. Included is the emblem of the festival in the flesh: Darwin's orchid, eventually proved right: it is pollenated by the hawk moth. a sustaining message. For example, it is far better to

harvest orchid seeds in the wild than to collect plants.

Another display dispels the myth that orchids are impossible to grow as house plants. Hybrids of numerous genera such as cymbidiums, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilums, miltonias and oncidiums flourish in the home, being better adapted to drier atmospheric conditions.

The story-inspired displays should appeal to children; indeed, there is generally more interest for youngsters this year, including storytell-ing in "Dracula's lair", in-spired by the bizarre Dracula orchids, which in turn inspired a local artist. Sue Mason, to create a series of pen and ink designs for the exhibition

From February 27, a display of flower arrangements featuring orchids, organised by the National Association of Flowbe in the Waterfily House.

spur. Darwin studied thus plant and thought it must be pollenated by a moth as it reached for nectar at the sound of the spur. Though time he was some to the gardens, which are open from 9.30am to 5pm daily (glass houses close at 45pm). For information on and lectures, The festival, at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, West London, runs until March 28. Entrance is free after admisfestival courses and lectures, lights the fact that many forest A display in the temperate telephone 0181-332 5626, and to be Vicar, Lund St plants, including orchids, are section of the conservatory has for guided tours, 0181-332 5633. Evangelist (Blackburn).

Nature

notes YELLOWHAMMERS are still feeding in small flocks in the fields, coming down where there are weedseeds under the hedges, or out in any lingering stubble. They do not move far in winter, and will soon be singing along the country lanes in their nesting territories. The males already have the bright yellow head and chestnut back of their summer

plumage. Lesser spotted woodpeckers are making their spring call in the treetops: it is a thin, repeated note like the signal at pedestrian crossings. They are small woodpeckers. not much larger than a great tit; they have distinctive barred backs and the males have red crowns. Many blackheaded gulls have acquired the chocolate hood that they sport in summer. Over a million of them come inland nowadays in the winter, and

they are just starting to make their way back to the sea. A few early hawthorn hedges have sprouted, with little fans of bright green leaves on the twigs. Silver catkins are The first colts-foot flowers are opening on wasteland and grassy verges: they are small yellow discs on stiff purple stems. DJM

Church news

The Rev Giles Allen, Curate, Palmers Green St John (London): to be Vicar, Lund St John the

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.R. Brookshaw and Miss G.J.K. O'Brien

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Brookshaw, of Loughborough. Leicestershire, and Georgina, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs Johnny O'Brien, of Wareham, Dorsel.

Mr S.L. Greenwood and Miss C.J. Dean

The engagement is announced between Schastian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip Greenwood, of Wardle, Lancashire, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Dean, of Brack-nell, Berkshire.

Mr G.E.A. Kent and Miss M.L. Griffiths

The engagement is announced between George, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan J. Kent, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Melame, only daugher of Mr. Jerry Griffiths and Mrs. Sue. Griffiths, of Noose Heads, Queensland, Australia.

Mr M. Kocatz and Miss A. Crum Ewing The engagement is announced between Michel, elder son of Mrs Yves Kuentz, of Nimes, France, and Arabella, daughter of Mr H.J.F. Crum Ewing, of Reading,

Mr E.A.W. MacLeod and Miss T.C. Richardson The engagement is announced between Ewan, only son of Mr and Mrs Rory MacLeod, of Templecombe, Somerset, and Theresa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bobby Richardson, of Blackheath, London.

Mr S.C.J. McCarthy and Miss R.E. Hands The engagement is announced between Shaum, eldest son of Mrs Margaret Brock, of Andover, Hampshire, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Hands, of Windlesham, Surrey. Lieutenant D.P. Talbot, RE, and Miss T.J. Moore

The engagement is amounced between Darren, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Talbot, of Warrington, Cheshire, and Tiffsmy, daughter of the Rev and Mrs David Moore, of Ham Common, Surrey.

Marriages Mr M.R. Daykin

and Miss A.H. Rimmer The marriage took place on Saturday, February 13, 1999, at St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, between Michael Richard Daykin, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Daykin, and Abigail Hall Pirmore daughter of Mr and Mrs Rimmer, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Rimmer. The Rev James Power officiated.

and Miss E.J. Atterbury Thomas The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Peter's Church, Knoss-

ington, of Mr Thomas Ind, second son of Dr and Mrs John Ind. of Chelsea, to Miss Emma Atterbury Thomas, eldest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Atterbury Thomas, rend, and Mrs Amerbury Thomas, of Knossing-ton, Leicestershire, Canon Hugh

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma O'Kelly and Olivia Smith. Mr James Ind was best man. A reception was held at Burrough House and the honey-moon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.C. Reilly and Miss T.N. Snell The marriage took place at West-minster Register Office, London, on February 13, 1999, of Dominic

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f you promise to pay a stranger's debt, you will regret it. You are better off not getting involved. Proverbs 11.15 (GRE).

BIRTHS

GREEN - On February 5th 1999 in Southampton, to Philippa (née King) and Sebastian, a daughter, MIROTI - see Webster.

KNG - On February 10th 1999 to Donna (née Birrell)

PAS; -- On 9th February in London, to Polly (mee Belham) and John, a daughter, Lucy Rebecca. RAMEAY - On February 11th, 1999, to Gebrielle (née Wedderburn) and Greville, a son, Hugh.

TRILEY - On February 5th, to Lisa and Richard, a daughter, Alexandra Lucy, a sister for Isobel and Tamelin. WEISTER - On 1st February 1999, to Catherine (née Hanrott) and Adam, a deepher, Eleanor Mary, a sister for Olivia and

MARRIAGES

GRUMBERGERSATHAS
Joel Grunberger, son of Mr
K S Grunberger and Mrs
L Grunberger of London
and Somerset and Miss
Bunty Mathias, daughter
of Mrs M Mathias of
London wave married on
10th February 1993 in San
Migual, Allende, Maxico,

Allen - Richard, husband of the late Eve, father of Rebecca and Alice, died peacefully at home on Fabruary 9th 1999.
Funeral Service at West Norwood Crematorium on Friday 19th February at 2.30pm, followed by reception at Dulwich College Lower Hall. Denations in lieu of flowers to St Christopher's Hospice and the MVD Association c/o Ismes W Constable Funeral Directors, 55 Honor Oak Park, London SEC3 1EA. Tel U.81 291 0811.

DEATHS ATCHELOR - Laure Edith

BATCHELOR - Laure Edith, (asia Dodridge), peacefully on 10th February, aged 90. Widow of Jack, Mother of John, Elizabeth and Jeremy, much loved Grandmother and Greet Grandmother, Funeral Service at St Katharine's Church, Menstham, on Thursday 18th February at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations, if desired to Age Concern c/o Stoteman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Reignts Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 fAZ.

BOYS-STONES - Hubert Peter
Lt Candr RN (ret'd), aged
67, died pencefully in his
sieup at hume on 10th
February 1999 after a long
light against cameer. Of the
many appointments
treasured by Peter were
those of serving as SCO to
the Commander British
Forces Caribbean and that
of Royal Cypher Officer /
Flag Lieutenant on HMY
Britamia. He will be
greatly missed by his
family and his many
friends, The Funeral
Service is to be held at
Mortlake Cremetorium on

Service is to be near at Mortlake Cremstorium on Friday 19th February 1999 at 2.00pm. Florwary or if desired, donations to The Marie Carie Cancer Care Foundation may be sent to Frederick W Paine, Undertakers, 468 Chiswick High Road, London W4 577. CLARK - Jane Marniyn, Clinical Psychologist, Died pescefully in Arthur Bark House on Wednesday 10th February 1999. Aged 51 years, Beloved wife of Gregor, and much loved mother of Ardan, Daby and Marielson, Funeral Service to be held at Cambridge Classification

Service to be need at Cambridge City Crematorium on Thursday Eth February at 4pm. Flowers may be sent 4/o A F Townsend, 18 High Street, 6rt Shelford, Cambridge. CRAMER - on 9th February 1939, peacefully in hospital, Marjorie Donian, aged 84 years of Lewe, (formerly of New Jersey U.S.A.). Funeral Setvice on Thursday 18th February 1939 at 9t Michaels Church, Lewes, at 11-15am followed by cremation at Woodvale Crematorium. Family flowers only by woodvase Crematorum.
Family flowers only by
request, but donations if
desired, to R.S.C.H. I.C.U.
c/o Cooper & Sog Fameral
Service, 42 High Street,
Lewes, 01273 475557.

DAVIES - Miriam, Sr Mary Peter CRSS, New Hall, sister of Joseph, Bernard and the late Fr John SJ, died peacefully on 1 ith February, aged 76. Requiem Mass and burial at New Hall on Monday Zind February at 11.30am, No Howers, please, but donations to Cancer Research, if desired.

DECEMBER - Ursula Mary Elizabeth, died suddenly at home in Lalington, Devon, on Wednesday 10 February 1999. Enquiries to Hugh Mills, Gaye & Co Ltd. Tel 01626 334444.

FOREYTHE - Inim Angus, sadiy lost his fight against cancer on 8th February 1999, aged 59. His enormous suffering and pain was so courageously borns. Very beloved and devoted landard of Lynette and a wonderful devoted father to Empert. Nicola. Sache and Sen and grandisther to Benedict. Orandeon of Charles Fairinst-Murray. Former chakman of Shulton (GB) Ltd and president of Jecqueline Cockran USA. He will live in our hearts forever. Flowers to Revus and Pain. 288 Altington Road, Oxford, OXI 4TE or donations to Sir Michael Sobell Rouse, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

HARVEY JOSES - Mary on February 10th 1999, widow of Harvey, mother of Patty: Funeral service in St Oswald's Church, Lower Peover on Friday February 19th at 1.15pm IoBowed by private creastion. Family flowers only pisses, donations if desired for SSAFA or The Semartices was be sent to

MACFARLANE - Trugically as the result of an accident at St Andrews on Sunday 7th February, Stewart James, aged 19 years, died on Friday 12th February 1999. Dearly belowed and very precious son of Lan and Anne, much loved brother of Caroline and Shoma, brother-in-lew of Tim, boyfriend of Katie, deer grandson of Nancy and Heisen, nephew and cousin to the family and friend to many. Funeral service at Mortonhall Cremetorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh on Wednesday 17th February at 11.00mm. Formal attire not required. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Neuroscience Pund, Ninewells Hospital, Dundoe.

MOFFETT - Robert Smith. On 11 February 1999, aged 78. Husband of Maggie, father of five and grandinther of thirteen. Funeral at Portchester Cremotorium on February 22 at 11.30m. No flowers but domations if desired to the ENLL Enquiries 01243 372255.

MOWAT - Inne Archibeld (née Milne) on Friday February 12th, aged 90. Widow of Duncen Mackay Stormout Mowet, dearest mother of Mary lane and grandmother of Tom.

PAYNE - Emmeth Philip persed percentully away or February 9th aged 78 years. Belowed inschand of Moles and father of Timothy, Christopiens, Earen and Deborah. Funeral service Friday Funeral service Friday February 19th, 1.20pm at St Paul? Church, Additations followed by private Ismily creamation. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Macmillan Cancer Railed or Caccer Research Campaign, c/e Lodge Rocchers F/D, 106 Startion Campeign, c/o Lodge Brothers P/D, 104 Station Road, Addiestone, Survey KT15 ZBQ, 01932 829929.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

STUBES - Marjorie in hospital on 11th February 1999, after a short illness aged 94 years. Much leved annt and great-sunt and sister of the late Phyllis. Funeral at Putney Vale. London 1.45pm 18th February. No flowers, donations if derived to The Red Cross or Oxfam.
THEADWELL - Regimald Claud, R.A.F.V.R., retired, pescalally on February

Claud, R.A.F.V.R., retired, peacefully on February let, in California, aged 95 years. Lovingthy remembered by his designaters from Wendy and K.y., his seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, four great grandchildren, four great and nieces. Any denations to RAF Benelowant Fund.

and nieces. Any donations to RAF Beneiovant Fund.

WELSCH - Peacefully, at Edinburgh Royal
Infirmary, on Wedneedry
10 February 1999, after an Hiness courageously borne. Edgar Burks, aged 25, loved and loving isuband of Elaine, father of Rossmary, Peneiope.
Terence, Caroline and Katie, grandfather of Aliscen, Morray, Lindsay.
Casa, Magnus, Ned, Matthew and Alexander and brother of Tom, Son of the late Charles and Katherine Wilson of Ballybey and Belfast and retired partners in Str.

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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DENIS HOLMES

Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Holmes, DSO, wartime intelligence officer, died on January 18 aged 85. He was born on September 26, 1913.

s a commander of the secret "V" Force during the Burma campaign, Denis Holmes played an extraordinary — and largely unsung — role in helping to wrest the initiative from the Japanese, after the disastrous defeats of 1942 and early 1943. V Force. was not, like Wingate's Chindits, an offensive arm. Its purpose was, rather, to gain intelligence about the movement and strength of enemy troops and place it at the disposal of the British 14th Army under General Slim.

Nevertheless the experience gained during these operations, of living in and off the jungle and of dealing with the various racial goups in Bur-ma, many of whom were ambivalent about the British and frightened of the Japanese, gave confidence to a British Indian Army whose morale was in tatters.

Holmes and his irregulars showed that the control of the jungle could be wrested from the Japanese, and the wisdom and confidence they gained was put at the disposal of the regular formations, who, in turn, gained greater self belief.

Holmes had been born in Burma, at Moulmein, the son of an official in the Indian Civil Service. He was commissioned from Sandhurst into the Indian Army in 1933 and joined the 1st Punjab Regiment in Bombay. For the next few years his life was typical of that of a regimental officer in India, but he saw no action on the frontiers.

At first the outbreak of war brought no increase in the tempo of his life. Seconded to the Assam Rifles - a gendarmerie rather than an infantry force - he missed campaigning with his battalion against the Italians in Abyssinia and the Western Desert. He then had a period eating his heart out in command of an anti-aircraft battery in Central India. And when he was finally ordered to join the 2nd Battalion 1st Punjabis, hard-pressed in Arakan, he found himself not at the front but diverted as liaison officer to another unit.



Holmes as a young officer in India before the war

Paradoxically, the disastrous First Battle of Arakan gave him his opportunity. Wavell, the C-inC, had set store on his Arakan offensive of December 1942, arguing that even a limited form of attack on the Japanese was better than doing nothing. But the result was a shambles. The Japanese inflicted a bloody repulse and morale throughout British and Indian forces in the Burma theatre was severely affected. The Japanese gave the impression of being invincible in the jungle, which they appeared to have made their home.

Still thirsting for action even in these dispiriting circum-

stances. Holmes was steered. towards V Force by an intelligence officer. The unit had had a chequered career. It had been intended by Wavell as a force of armed native guerrillas, but it had not prospered and had almost withered on the vine when Holmes was offered a position in it in 1943. After carrying out a number of reconnaissance patrols, during which he proved his value, adapting as he did to jungle survival and speaking a number of the native languages, he was soon controlling V

Force's operations in the westem part of Arakan.

Via a network of local scouts, natives of the area, not only to the network Holm-

fishermen and peasants (many of whom were, naturally, double agents) he soon vastly increased the flow of valuable intelligence to the 14th Army. At the First Battle of Arakan, December 1942-April 1943, British and Indian forces had fought al-

most blind to enemy inten-

mate of Japanese capabilities. Such a situation owed much

By the time of the second Arakan battle and those of Kohima and Imphal early in 1944, the boot was very largely on the other foot with the British able to base their actions on an accurate esti-

merous occasions he personal ly led missions disguised as a peasant, shaving off his magnificent Indian Army officer's moustache so that he should have the authentic smoothedcheeked Burmese look. Once he even succeeded in attending a Japanese commander's briefing which was being held in a village clearing. Back at Army HQ, intelligence officers were at first reluctant to countenance the information he brought to them, since it was in unbelievably minute detail. "Sir, I was there," he riposted to a general who was wearing his patience thin with his repetitious and sceptical cross-questioning. As time went on V Force

es established but to his own

personal contribution. On nu-

under Holmes added raiding to its functions. But these were not like the long range penetra-tions of the Chindits. They were, rather, precise surgical operations, based on exact intelligence, and designed to take out specific targets: a troublesome gun battery or a potentially dangerous bunker. Holmes, always thirsting for action, greatly relished these. He was awarded the DSO for his leadership in V Force. With the 14th Army embark-

ing on a general offensive in the summer of 1944 irregular units such as V Force came under more centralised control. The business no longer had quite the zest it had originally held for Holmes and he returned to regular soldiering with 3rd Battalion 1st Punjab Regiment in Italy. He became CO of the battalion later in 1944, eventually bringing it back to India. He retired from the Army on the granting of independence to India in 1947.

A natural linguist, in retirement he took a degree in French and Arabic at London University and had a successful second career with the Kuwait Oil Company. He retired from this in 1967, but a third career as a schoolmaster at the Hawthorns school, Bletchingley, Surrey, awaited him. There, he was an enthusiastic head of sport and a housemaster until his final

retirement in 1992. His wife June, whom he married in 1945, predeceased him. He is survived by their

Van Eyck was back on his

travels in 1960 and 1961.

DONALD DUNSTAN

Donald Dunstan, AC. Premier of South Australia, 1967-68 and 1970-79, died on February 6. aged 72. He was born on September 21, 1926.

DON DUNSTAN leapt into Australia's popular imagery when he posed on the broad steps of South Australia's Parliament House wearing pink shorts. It was a startling defiance of tradition, and a vivid symbol of his radical approach to leading Australia's most conservative state. Voters soon found life changed far beyond any mere fashion statement, as an original and determined freethinker chivvied South Australia out of its provincial rut.

In a country where State politicians rarely make much impact beyond their own boundaries, Dunstan became a national figure as Australia embraced the international liberating influences of the 1960s and 1970s. He was bitterly attacked by entrenched political, cultural and moral forces, but he retained an impressive equanimity that brought all but diehard opposition round to

an eventual respect.
The former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam is widely regarded as the man who led Australia into a liberal age after he took office in 1972, but Dunstan was for many the man who paved the way.

Donald Allan Dunstan was the son of an Australian shipping company manager based in Fiji; his birth in Suva led to whispers of a mixed-race background at a time when political thinking was still completely dominated White Australia.

From Adelaide's most exclusive private school, St Peter's College, he studied law at Adelaide University, practis-ing at the bar in Fiji in 1949-50 before returning to a similar career in Adelaide.

South Australia and its sleepy capital were then ruled with the aid of rural gerrymandering by Sir Thomas Playford, the Liberal Country League (conservative) Premier whose right-wing values were generally in tune with a generation little concerned with outside influences. But postwar Australia began to stir, and in 1953 Dunstan was



Dunstan in 1972 during his second term as Premier

elected a Labor member of the State Assembly. His inner-city constituency.

Norwood, had a concentration of migrants, and Dunstan made it his business to discover their interests, securing invaluable support from ethnic minorities in South Australia. Labor was barely more forward-thinking than the Lib-eral Country League, but Dunstan became the focal point of a new breed of Labor politician, seeking not just to improve pay and conditions, but demanding several kinds of social change.

When Labor won power in 1965, toppling Playford after nearly 27 years, Dunstan became Attorney-General and Minister for Social Reform and Aboriginal Affairs. Two years later, on the retirement of the Premier, Frank Walsh, he was elected party Leader. thus becoming Premier. With-in months he had lost an election, but in 1970 South Australia voted Labor back. He then served as Premier and Treasurer, occasionally taking other portfolios as he saw the need to apply his own brand of reform. He led Labor to four election victories.

A state which had been and a day regarded with amused scorn marriage.

by its fellows became a pacesetter. Its thrusting young Premier clashed with police over anti-Vietnam demonstrations: brought in self-determination policies and land rights for aborigines; rushed through consumer protection aws; brought down anti-discrimination legislation, and improved social services.

In 1972 South Australia set up a State Film Corporation. whose first production, Sun-day Too Far Away, became a minor classic. A city which had enjoyed virtually no nightlife became a cultural and entertainment centre, and was reinvigorated by the Adelaide Festival, at which Dunstan used to read poetry. South Australia was the first State to discontinue the prosecution of consenting homosexual acts

between adults.

Dunstan had hoped for 20 years to transform his his state, but in February 1979. after only a decade, he called a hospital press conference, in his pyjamas, to announce his resignation on grounds of ill-health. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in that year.

After three years he re-turned to public life as director of tourism for Victoria, and then chairman of that state's Tourist Commission. He also took a string of community appointments, including chairmanship of the Mandela Foundation. He also published a cookbook and set up a restaurant, Don's Table, in Norwood, the suburb which he had done so much to make fashionable.

Dunstan's sexuality and private life were a source of intrusive fascination. His mood was often camp, and the famous pink shorts were taken by many as an arrogant affirmation of his sexual inclinations.

He refused to talk about his personal life, although he once declared: "I am not the gay guru of Australia." He married twice: first in 1949 to Gretel Ellis, this marriage being dissolved, and then in 1976 to Adele Koh, who died only two years later.

Don Dunstan learnt in 1992 that he was suffering from throat cancer.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter from his first

PROFESSOR ALDO VAN EYCK

Professor Aldo van Eyek. architect and teacher, died on January 14 aged 80. He

was born on March 16, 1918.

THE annual Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects is the most coveted international award for merit. whether for great buildings, interiors or furniture design. writings or theory. It has been won by such illustrious architects as Le Corbusier, Frank Lloyd Wright, Powell and Moya, Berthold Lubetkin and. last year, the Brazilian Oscar Niemeyer and by eminent historians including Sir John Summerson and Lewis Mumford. Van Eyck received it for writing and teaching as much as for architecture.

Aldo van Eyck was born in Dreibergen, Holland, the son of a poet, Professor P. N. van Eyck, and moved with his family to London when he was two. He attended the King Alfred School in Hampstead from 1924 to 1932, and the Sideot Quaker School in Somerset until 1935, when his father took a literary chair in Leiden.

He went to the Building School in The Hague, and then, from 1939 to 1943, studied at the Eidegenössische Technische Hochschule in Zurich. remaining in Switzerland until the war was over. Back in Amsterdam in 1945, he was employed by the Public Works Department until 1950, and in 1952 he opened his own offices. practising both there and in The Hague.

From early on he was

critical of functionalism, defining architecture as "built meaning", and in terms of "identity", "reciprocity" and the "realm of the in-between". Functionalism, stripping a building down to the bare bones of a problem, conflicted with his belief that architec-

In 1951, he toured Brittany, saw the Dordogne caves, went on to Italy and then to North Africa where he discovered the mud-brick villages of Oran and elsewhere. The sculptural forms of these - the walled houses, the narrow, maze-like passageways, the whitewash fascinated him and the foundations of his ideas were

When assisting at the Public Works Department, he took commissions of his own on the side (a structure in Zurich in The Hague in 1949), as well as designing, between 1947 and 1974, some 700 playgrounds.

His first job of real architecand in 1957 he was commis-sioned to build an orphanage



1946, the conversion for the Heidring and Pierson Bank at

tural importance came in 1954: 64 houses for the elderly in Amsterdam, designed in partnership with Jan, the son of Gerrit Rieweld. Three schools at Nagele in Holland followed, for Amsterdam. It was with this, completed in 1960, that van Eyck made an international name. Many regard it as his finest work.

It is here that the spirit of the African settlements appears in



Van Eyck: influential as both teacher and architect

what might be seen as a landscape of roof vaults. Flat roofs, he said, were boring. and he likened his roofs at the orphanage to those of Le Corbusier's Weekend House and the Jaoul Houses. Yet they

were not so much vaults as a multitude of little domes with a circular lens at the apex, and it was these, framing a sequence of courtyards, that introduced coherence and order to a rambling conception.

visiting the French Sudan, noting the Dogon culture and beautiful craftsmanship, and visiting New Mexico when teaching at Washington University. St Louis. By the time he came to design housing at Lima in Peru, ideas arising from these experiences showed clearly in the architecture, an elongated series of hexagons establishing the order of the settlement, the garden walls and lanes. He was also teaching a

great deal. In Amsterdam, in Delft, in Zurich and all over America, he and his wife Hannie were involved with ambitious undertakings, culminating in the Hubertus Home (1980) for single parents and their children, and - for the European Space Research and Technology Centre near Noordwijk - a highly complex restaurant, library and conference building backed by a big group of two, three and fourstorey offices.

He had an enormous following among students in many parts of the world. He was a noted lecturer and writings poured from him, yet he never forgot his finds in the Dogon and Oran: when he restored and rebuilt his own house, a dilapidated 18th-century building he said, "That village in Africa or wherever is here . . . I see it and experience it . . . "

He received many honours internationally and the RIBA Gold Medal in 1990. He is survived by his wife, his son and a daughter.

SIR ARTHUR HAWKINS

Sir Arthur Hawkins, former chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, died on January 13 aged 85. He was born on June 10, 1913.

ARTHUR HAWKINS was instrumental in moving the nostwar electricity industry from a state of crisis management to proper commercial planning with a long-term strategy. For a good deal of his career much had to be done by any feasible means to maintain supply, but by the time he retired the Central Electricity Generating Board was in a position to make commercial choices. It had become one of the best performing public corporations and was widely held to serve the country well according to its governing

The son of a Baptist Minister, Arthur Ernest Hawkins was educated at the grammar school in Great Yarmouth and Norwich Technical College. before taking an external degree in electrical engineering from London University. Although he never lost touch with the workers in power stations and transmission units, he always remembered a headmaster exhorting him 'not to finish up in overalls".

statutes.

As a young engineer he soon recognised the importance of grid system interconnections. He progressed to the Bankside Control Centre of the Central Electricity Board, and later to its headquarters, and by 27 he was in charge of the design and construction of an emer-



gency grid co-ordination centre, in the disused lift and ventilation shafts of the old Post Office Underground Station. Although he had volunteered for the RNVR, this was was judged a more important contribution to the war effort than anything he could have done in the Navy. It was completed and in 11 months. fully equipped, and was bomb and flood proof.

After the war Hawkins worked for the South Eastern Electricity Board (SEEBoard) as a manager in Croydon. before being appointed system planning engineer in 1957 to oversee the upgrading of the grid to 275kV.

With demand for electricity more than doubling each decade at this period, he made a great contribution to solving the intellectual problems of upgrading while maintaining supplies. He became chief operations engineer of the Central Electricity Generating Board in 1959. He was noted for his tenacity in dealing with the many problems posed by the malfunctioning of 500mW

generating units, which were

at the leading edge of technology, but highly temperamental. Hawkins was appointed to the board of the CEGB in 1970, and was soon to be faced by the first miners' strike, in which for the first time electricity supply was used as a means of political blackmail.

Two years later, now as chairman, he led the operational response to another strike. at the time of the three-day week. These events taught many lessons for the future, and Hawkins insugated new strategies in the stocking of fuel and other essential power station supplies. Although it came nearly a decade after his retirement, the resilience of the industry to the miners' strike of 1985 was in no small measure due to this foresight. In his consistent view, it was the straightforward, apolitical duty of the board to supply its

consumers. With the then very powerful trade unions, he was a tough but fair and realistic negotiator, who always kept his side of a bargain. He achieved a reduction in staffing levels of some 30,000 without any stoppages, which was crucial in an industry of such national importance.

Despite his demanding management style, Hawkins cared personally about the welfare of staff. He was president of the Electrical and Electronic Industries Benevolent Association in 1976, the year he was knighted.

His wife Judith survives him, with their son and two

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Marjorie Yewdall Gaunt, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire. left estate valued at £2.286.627. She left £50,000 to the British Heart Foundation.

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Latest wills

dard, of Dorchester, Dorset. left estate valued at £2,427,901 net.

William Charles Bagshaw, of Kings Newnham, Rugby, War-wickshire, left estate valued at £1.134.769 net.

Edmund Williams Edwards. of Bromyard, Hereford, left estate valued at £1,680,388 net. Thomas Roy Farrimond, medical practitioner, of Isleworth, Middlesex, left estate valued

at £1,031,928 net. Gwendoline Doris Gibbon, of Clifton, Bristol, left estate valued at £1.025,266 net.

Sale left 18,000 to St James's Church, Tytherington 15,000 each to Donkey Sancturery, League of Friends of Thornburght, Hospital and S. Peter's Hospital. Brisant; 52,000 each to Help the Aged, NSPCC, RSPCA, YMCA, Council for the Protection of Rorral England, and Guide Dogs for the Blind: (2,000 to RSPB. Benjamin Glasser. of London N2. left estate valued at £1,455,242 net.

Marigold Evelyn Graham, of Ruthin, Denbighshire, left es-tate valued at £1,180,385 net. Patricia Donaldson Lambe, of West Wittering, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,661,341

She left £10,000 each to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, British Heart Roundation. RNIB, RNID, Arthritis and Rheuttatism Council for Research, MS Society, Save the Children Fund and John Groome's Associa-tion for Disabled People. Margaret Rutherford Lumsden.

retired college lecturer and psychiatric social worker, of Wooler, Northumberland, left estate valued at £1,044,849 net. Alfred John Morris, solicitor. of Purley, Croydon, left estate valued at £1,108,360 net. Olwen Llwyd Parry, of Hussingtree, Worcestershire, left

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Edward Bryon Swaffield, of Portesham, Weymouth, Dor-set, left estate valued at £1.562.534 net. Yolande Kathleen Gwendolen Warner, of London W3, left estate valued at £1,189,269 net.

Charles Michael Wilson, of Darlington, Co Durham, left estate valued at £1,037,489 net.

He left (10,000 to St James The Great Church, Darlington.

POLICE BESIEGE ACTORS IN ROME

A sorry little rain-swept siege today marked the spot where police last night broke up the dress rehearsal of what was intended to be Rome's first performance of Herr Roll Hochhuth's controversial play The Representarive. The players themselves spent the night inside the basement of the deconsecrated church which they have adapted as a theatre for private performances, with the police standing ready to prevent them from re-enter-

ing if they leave. The actors have announced their intention of puring on a special performance tomorrow for invited members of Parliament who would be able theoretically to make use of their immunity to witness the forbidden show.

group of young actors led by Signor Gian Maria Volonté, who has been making a mark in particular for his appearances on televi-sion, was intending to perform this play about Pope Pius XII's attitude towards the Nazis.

Inevitably there would have been protests here, but the manner in which the efforts of the company were brought to nothing can hardly have satisfied much more than

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Rolf Hochhuth's play The Representative. which was about Pope Pius XIIs attitude towards the Nazis. caused controversy whenever there were plans to perform it.

extremist opinion. In fact, demands from the right wing to stop the threatened performance of the play by any means seem to have been rather exactly met.

The play has been printed in Italy by the left-wing publishing firm of Feltrinelli which gave the rights for public performance without charge to Signor Volonies company. Signor Volonie was permitted by the police this morning to receive six journalists. He said that application had been made two months ago for licence to give public performances in the newly fitted theatre. After

a month they had had no reply and were apparently given to understand that none would be forthcoming.

They then decided to establish themselves as a private cultural club and two weeks ago they provided official notification to this effect, Last night the company had invited about 50 people, including critics and personal friends, to the dress rehearsal. About 30 people managed to reach their seats before the olice came and refused to allow the rest of the audience to enter. Signor Volonté nevertheless began the dress rehearsal but it was interrupted by the arrival of uniformed and plainclothed police inside the theatre who ordered the suspension of the performance.

Members of the audience were removed, some of them forcibly. Photographs appeared in the press this morning of one policeman looking rather the worse for his encounter with the critics. Several people were charged There was some derisive singing and shouts

of Tiberty Police said today that their action was taken under articles in the Code of Public Security. It has been widely taken for granted that regard for the Concordat with the Vancan was in the official mind because this agreement specifically calls on the Italian authorities to protect the sacred character of Rome and defend the Popes from attack.

THE TIMES TODAY

Hostels for teenage mothers A national network of special hostels to house teenage mothers, with a home in most towns, is being planned by the Govern-

mate children. Ministers believe that hostel life would give single mothers companionship and prevent them leading isolated lives in a council flat or bed-and-breakfast accommodation.......Page 1

ment. Grandparents might also be paid to look after the illegiti-

Ahern accused over peace talks

■ Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister was last night accused of jeopardising the Northern Ireland peace process after suggesting that Sinn Fein should be barred from sitting in Ulster's new government until the IRA began to decommission its weapons. He publicly sided with Unionists and insisted that the IRA hands over weapons...

Tourist pollution

Historic decision

Carnival affair

Tourists, fishermen, shipping

and flytippers are to blame for a

worrying increase in beach pollu-

tion around Britain, the Beach-

watch survey has found....Page 6

Murder hunt

A retired teacher and her husband were found dead at their Oxfordshire village home shortly before they were due to attend their weekly church service Page 1

Kosovo hopes

Madeline Albright suggested that the ethnic Albanian delegation at the Kosovo peace talks was ready ..Pages L il

Rail delays

Rail passengers face the prospect of longer delays or fewer trains as the railway industry wrestles with a growing crisis of conges-_Page 2

German accusation

A leading German government minister yesterday accused the British press of portraying Germany as a nation in which "a new fascist government might come to power and march all over Europe again".....

Angry archbishop

The Archbishop of Canterbury angrily dismissed a report that he was "emotionally and physically exhausted e....

Athletic starvation

Some leading male international runners are starving themselves and risking impotence in the pursuit of excellence, to the alarm of the authorities that run British ..Page 5

Russian hunger

The Red Cross will next month be-

gin flying more than \$9 million

(E5.5 million) of emergency aid to

the remotest parts of Russia's Arc-

tic and Far East, where it says

80,000 people are facing starva-

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Giving a damn The sweep of the staircase outside, and the Dixie elegance of the furnishing within, only serve to emphasise that George W. Bush Jr is the Republicans' Rhett Butler the man who operates behind enemy lines while living down a raffish past... _Page 12

The writing on the wall

Authorities in Rome, Milan and other Italian cities reacted with dismay to a Vatican suggestion that graffiti could be justified as a cri de coeur by "isolated and lonely souls" lost in a "metropolitan wasteland". Italian towns are engaged in multimillion-pound projects to clean their streets and buildings for the millennium celebrations.....



The French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine flanked by Robin Cook and Madeleine Albright at the Kosovo talks yesterday. Pages 1, 11

The British Tourist Authority is to promote visits to Britain in 2000 with a brochure that celebrates Steel row: British Steel threatens to two millennia of history rather spark a dispute between Britain than "Cool Britannia"......Page 8 and Germany by launching a new bid for Salzgitter, just one year after its original bid was blocked by Ger-

A judge recently ruled - to the aphard Schroder ... proval of Rhinelanders - that a Recession looms: Britain is probahusband could not sue his wife bly already in recession and there for divorce merely because she is little Gordon Brown can do in the has been made pregnant by a ran-Budget to ease the slump, a thinkdom lover during carnival. These tank warns today Page 44 are the "mad days" in Catholic Ordnance date: Unions will meet managers of Royal Ordnance today

> threatens to close the business within six months.... ... Page 44. Windows: Today has been dubbed Refund Day by computer users who resent having to pay for unwanted Microsoft software that is

built in to computers Page 44

to discuss the financial crisis that

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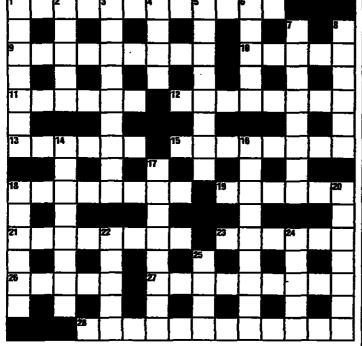
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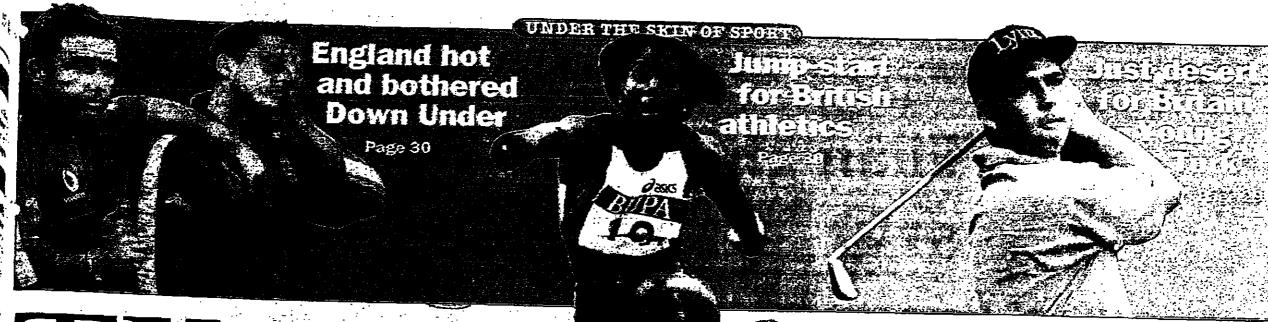


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FULHAM MANAGER WAITS



All-embracing triumph: Irwin, right, and Yorke lead the congratulations after Cole, left, had scored the only goal of Manchester United's FA Cup fifth-round tie against Fulham. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Keegan takes England bait

lacking in the FA Cup-tie between his Fulham underdogs and Manchester United yesterday, but Kevin Keegan more than made up for it afterwards. Keegan, all emotion and intensity, ended a week of denials when he conceded for the first time that he would be willing to talk to the Football Association about becoming the next England manager when they contact him today. It is thought that the FA.

keen to do everything above board, may already have spoken to Mohamed Al Fayed. the Fulham chairman, to seek permission to speak to Keegan and thrash out a compromise that will allow him to take charge of the national team for the four remaining inter-national matches of this season and to manage Fulham simultaneously.

The most likely scenario is that Keegan, who watched his side succumb to spirited defeat against United at Old Trafford, will be asked to coach England in the run-up to each match and then hand over control to Howard Wilkinson, in Wilkinson's projected new capacity as director of football,



when each game ends and return to Craven Cottage.

The FA has singled out Keegan because it believes that his inspirational qualities could be vital in taking Eng-land beyond the challenge of Poland in the crucial Europe-an championship qualifying match at Wernbley on March 27. The issue of whether to hand him the job permanently would be tackled only after further qualifying matches, against Sweden and Bulgaria, at the beginning of June.

Keegan was at pains to emphasise again his loyalty to Fulham yesterday in the aftermath of their fifth-round defeat to a goal from a deflected shot by Andy Cole. He said

FA CUP QUARTER-FINAL DRAW

that he would not walk out on the club. He did admit, though, that if agreement could be reached between himself, Al Fayed and the FA, then it was possible that he could be persuaded to become the national coach

"Despite the fact that all the media seem to know something is going to happen." Keegan said, "and all the bookies seem to know something is going to happen, the man who they are talking about is sat here and can honestly look you in the face and can say I have not had one contact with

anyone at the FA.
"It's a strange situation because, as I've said all week, I deny it and people don't believe me. I say I want to stay at Fulham and people say: He's got to say that.' If I didn't say anything, if I said no comment, you would then say: 'He must want the job.' "At this moment in time, I

haven't had a phone call. Judging by what's happening mainly through the media, which is surprising — I should be getting one. In one way, it's a very big compliment. It's just the timing of it. I like Fulham Football Club very much I love Fulham. I have to get like that when I go into something.

"On one side, you have got all the emotion of what happened today. On the other side, you have got a pull that every English fan should have, which is if you want to be a manager and your coun-try comes for you, then maybe you should jump at it and forget everything. "I am not like that. I never

have been. I think now people know I did not walk out on Newcastle. I am not going to walk out on Mr Payed, or Fulham, or the supporters and these players.

'Steve Bruce insisted that he was not behaving like a spoilt brat with his furious reaction to the Overmars goal

Calling foul at Highbury, page 25 "If the FA come on and want

to talk to me, then I will talk to them, don't worry about that. I can see a picture building up over the last three days which is a strange situation. Somebody, somewhere, has decided not only maybe to approach me and offer me some sort of position, but they have also taken it upon themselves to tell a lot of people about it, except

me.
"If I am approached and Mr Fayed gives them permission, of course I will talk to them. I think there are a lot of things then that may or may not happen, depending on what they say. For me to sit here and say: What if they offer it this way or that way, what would you

say then? — the answer is let's wait and see if it happens and I will sit in front of you again, as I always have done."

At least Keegan and his Nationwide League second division side have one less commitment after their Cup exit on a dull, dreary Manchester day. Neither side produced the football of which they are capable. United, missing Paul Scholes and Roy Keane through suspension, lacked width and the ploy of playing Ole Gunnar Solskjaer along-side Dwight Yorke and Cole seemed to unbalance them, as it always does.

Fulham were also without Paul Peschisolido and Simon Morgan, but the conquerors of



Feeling the squeeze: Keegan was in playful mood despite defeat

Aston Villa in the previous round were never in danger of being overawed. From the moment early in the game, when Schmeichel inadvertently flattened Berg with a mis-hit goal kick. United seemed unsure of themselves, unable to rediscover the fluency that ran through them so effortlessly in their 8-1 drubbing of Nottingham For-est nine days ago. The combative Nicky Butt was their best player, adding some delicate touches to his more familiar,

attritional qualities. Fulham were never able to make their early superiority tell, though. The difference between them and their FA Carling Premiership opponents was in the finishing. United's first real chance fell to Cole and he promptly put them ahead in the 27th minute when his sidefooted shot bounced off Symons and beyond the grasp of Maik Taylor. A minute later. Fulham were denied the chance to strike back when Gary Neville's brilliantly timed tackle dispossessed Dirk Lehmann as he shaped to shoot. United, who will face Chel-

sea at Old Trafford in the tie of the sixth round, could not kill the game off, but Fulham's last chance disappeared in the 68th minute, when Salako shot too close to Schmeichel after Finnan's dipping shot had rebounded to him ten yards out. Taylor saved well from Yorke four minutes from the end, but even if Fulham could not provide a sting in the COULD NOT provide a sting in the tail. Keegan obliged instead.

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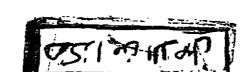




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Reed leaves Houllier seeing red

GERARD HOULLIER and Arsène Wenger sat together at Wembley last Wednesday evening. The emotions generated by split loyalties must have been extreme for the two French managers. Both were affected, it seems, for on Saturday Wenger, the Arsenal manager, displayed a remarkable generosity of spirit regarding his club's FA Cup match against Sheffield United, while Houllier, the Liverpool manager, launched an astonishi verbal attack on Mike Reed.

As the match at The Valley proceeded torturously toward the 0-0 conclusion it deserved, Martin Pringle, Charlton's Swedish striker. suddenly pulled up clutching his throat and Reed mediately showed Jamie Carragher, the Liverpool

defender, a red card.

To say that Houllier was incensed would qualify for the understatement of the season. "He [Reed] wanted Charlton to win - or maybe he wanted Liverpool to lose, that's what I think," Houllier said. The Football Association will ask him to clarify what he meant. Perhaps they will hope there is

a language problem at work, but such hopes will be dashed, for Houllier was offered the opportunity to tone down his accusations - but declined the invitation.

Houllier's anger was ignited because, he indicated, the team expected to be victims of a poor decision, Reed having sent off Jason McAteer, then with Liverpool, in controversial circumstances, earlier in the season. "I'm terribly angry. This is not fair. We know referees play a part some-times, but it's too often him

and too much," he said. Charlton scored from the free kick awarded for the foul on Pringle, Keith-Jones powering the ball past David James, the Liverpool goalkeeper, after the visitors de-fence had failed to regroup. This, too, was, according to Houllier, Reed's fault "He penalised us twice. He didn't allow us to reposition ourselves." Carragher said that he had no idea what foul he was supposed to have committed and the contact with



Pringle certainly appeared to be accidental

"We were going for the same ball, arms were flying about, these things happen." Pringle said. "I'm not a cheat. I was caught in the throat and if you are caught in the throat, it can be a bit scary." in something of the manner of an apology. Pringle said he had a large Adam's apple and had been struck there in similarly painful fashion before.

Perhaps it would have been better all round had no Premiership manager sat through the England international against France - a point proved by Alan Cur-bishley, the Charlton manager, who missed the game because of a power cut. He had therefore not

witnessed how impotent Redknapp and Ince looked on the night. If he had, he might not have placed such emphasis on containing them and Liverpool might have been given the space to perform better. As it was, the Liverpool midfield was made to look an ineffectual rabble.

The only true class on

show came from John Barnes, who made his debut for Charlton as a substitute, who, having achieved their second win inside five days, look capable of staying in the FA Carling Premiership. Having mastered the art of playing well and losing. they are revealing that they have the knack of performing poorly and winning - a much more valuable talent. HARTLON ATTRICTO (35.2) S Toyce — D Mas. S. Brown, C. San Hourson, Jayleting, M. Kidney

Atkinson avoids big question

he said as the way that he said it — standing there, shoulders forward, his gaze sharp and hard, challenging anyone to ask him a question, daring them. When he did say something, it was loud, concise, clear and he looked his inquisitor in the eye, unblinking. And you have to say it worked.

ishingly bland. "You improved in the second half. that must be encouraging?" "It was better than last week. don't you think?" Of the four that were put to him, each one muttered after a sullen, deferential silence, they were the toughest. Honestly.

The ouestions that needed to be asked, that were hang-ing in the air, were left well alone. "How are you going to get out of this one. Ron?"
"Is this the worst team you have ever managed?""What on earth do you think you are doing, trying to save this lot from relegation?" "Is it pride that is driving you? Is it self-belief? Is it ego?" Not one was put to him, not a word. It was faintly humiliating, being crushed so con-vincingly by the force of one man's personality.

Fortunately, it lasted only a few minutes and then, his task complete, Ron Atkinson announced: "Nothing else?" Right, I might as well go and have a drink then." And he did. presumably, for he marched out, trium-

If only the Nottingham Forest players could perform with the same elan and ebullience as their manager. They lost on Saturday, are four points adrift at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership and, if you say that 42 points should be enough to escape relegation, they are 26 points short of their target. With 13 games left to play. It would be an astonishing achievement if they were to stay up, if Atkinson could pull off one of the greatest of great escapes.



All the more so because Forest are not very good. West Ham United scored two goals on Saturday, should have had at least four, yet they were not that impressive either, shorn of confidence after losing their past two home games 4-0.

by Peter Robinson

from two yards, Di Canio another from ten before Pearce, a defender, showed them how it should be done. volleying in a cross from Berkovic. Lampard tapped in No 2 after being set up by Sinclair. Half-time, a cue for Atkinson to work his magic

in the dressing-room. He did, or almost did. Forest improved, helped by shrewd substitutions and tactical tweaks, but they did not have the quality to convert their belated battling into points. A late consolation by Hjelde, headed in from a free kick by Van Hooijdonk, was not enough.

So Forest went home empty-handed. Atkinson to prepare for television duties on Manchester United v Fulham yesterday. The days when he used to manage United, when players such as Robson, McGrath, Hughes, Whiteside, Struchan, Stapleton and Wilkins were at his beck and call, must seem his beck and call, must seem like a long, long time ago.

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FA Cup: Goalkeeper earns Blackburn a replay with agile display

Filan gives Newcastle rough time



NEWCASTLE United will have to make do with an ordeal instead of a vacation, now that the need for a replay will force the cancellation of a proposed golfing break to Portugal. It is their hopes of cheering progress in the FA Cup that are liable to be bunkered. A performance with some splendid facets was not quite enough to overcome Blackburn Rovers. The visitors were dogged at St James' Park yesterday, but their endeavours also hinted at the talent they will deploy

No matter what the records might say about heights and eights, this was the sort of occasion when, it appeared, there were only two categories of player. Those who were not strapping were chunky. Even the ostensibly slight, such as Stephen Glass, of Newcastle, puffed themselves up and were gnawingly persistent when tackles were demanded. The physical nature of the action was part of the great appeal.

Exertion could be regarded as a symbol of the striving of these clubs to recover the high reputations they once enjoyed. Muscle complemented skill in an engrossing tie in which a victory for Ruud Gullit's side would have been deserved.

Resolute though Blackburn vere, it was, principally, John Filan, their goalkeeper, who earned them a the replay at Ewood Park On this evidence. Tim Flowers, the England international, merits sympathy rather than a rehake for his transfer request. He must have seen his prospects dwindling further as he stared pensively from



an Australian, turned in a performance of daring athleticism. In all of his leaping interventions. Filan was actually digging himself in as Blackburn's first choice. The spring and sureness of touch, complemented by the trench-ancy of Darren Peacock and the other defenders, helped to tighten the visitors' hold on They will be expected to

advance to meet Everton in the next round and not only because they next face Newcastle at their own ground. Brian Kidd, the manager, has brought something of the Manchester United focus with him to Ewood Park.

Blackburn, often under pressure before the interval. were never in disarray and even with injuries, suspension

down his squad, Kidd still had a flexibility that Gullit, the Newcastle manager, must envy. Naman Blake and Kevin Davies, purchased for a total of £12 million, were among the substitutes.

Newcastle badly needed to find some variety after their first-half assaults had failed to bring a breakthrough, but there were no convincing

They will have to find their comfort in the early phase of their performance, when the dash and width of their play could have secured a victory. Aiert and eager, Newcastle could not guess then how

weary they would become. Glass struck a swerving drive against the bar after 15 minutes and, three minutes later. Temuri Ketshaia won the

Di Matteo pops up to

back pass to Nolberto Solano. who looked sure to score only for Filan to block at his feet. The goalkeeper was not confounded, either, when he had to react to a deflection from Marion Broomes that diverted a shot by Gary Speed.

Filan also reached another attempt by Glass and emphasised his domination by clutching the powerful header with which Speed met a corner from Solano in the 45th minute. In all of this, Alan Shearer, the Newcastle and England forward, was once more marginalised, succumbing to the alertness of Peacock

His technique still impress es when he controls the ball and directs an attack, but he has yet to calculate fully how he will flourish now that he no

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longer possesses raw, decisive

Blackburn were able to deliver menacing intimations of the vigour that they will apply at Ewood Park. In the thirteenth minute, Chris

Sutton flicked a header to the feet of Ashley Ward and he with great deliberation, lofted the ball over the head of Shay Given, the goalkeeper - only to see the ball crash against the crossbar. Late in the game, too, Speed was injured while stopping Sutton, in a period when Blackburn looked as if they might outlast Newcastle and claim victory.

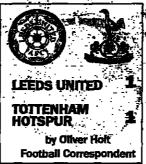
Speed, despite being carried off on a stretcher, does not seem to have done serious damage to his knee. Gullit will be relieved. He believes his side can find space in the replay, but he will require all of his established players if it is to be filled with distinction.

ONE beautiful turn and pass from Lee Bowyer aside, each midfield cancelled the other out Lucas Radebe all but marked David Ginola out of the game, Sol Campbell refused to be flustered by Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, Tim Sherwood's goal was answered by

Ian Harte's equaliser. Honours even on the pitch, David O'Leary and George Graham, took the contest into an extra round off it. Graham, revelling in his return to El-land Road, absorbing the predictable cries of "Judas" with his warmest smile, said, rather smugly, that he had guessed O'Leary's team down to the last man.

O'Leary pointed out that that hardly made his old boss a genius, because the Leeds injury situation was so parlous that he had only had 11 players to choose from. Graham said that it would take him a year to knock Tottenham into shape. that the runs his team are enjoying in the Worthington Cup and the FA Cup were bonuses that he had not expected. O'Leary mocked him for that and even chastened the media for taking it in. "Just look at them," he said. "They are qual-

ity all the way through." Gradually, it became a fascinating bout, a verbal game of tease that was more enthralling than a match that was admirable for its qualities of attrition and the unyielding per-formance of Sherwood, but for very little else. Graham tired of the sparring first, but O'Leary kept going. The more a few bob to buy David Batty.



that he talked about the nitfalls a "foolhardy young man-ager like myself" can slip into, the more it became evident that he had learnt well from his former master

He knew that this match was the focus of much attention and he was determined to capitalise. His theme was that the Leeds United chairman and directors had to prove to him that they had ambition, that they were not just paying lip-service to the idea of being one of the FA Carling Premiership giants. He would be asking them, in short, to put their money where their mouths

"We need a bigger squad."
O'Leary said. "You look at players like Campbell and Sherwood playing for them and we have got a bunch of kids up against them. People were asking me before the game whether I had any surprises for George, but this team simply picked itself. There was nothing else. "When I took the job, the highe is injured and he will be found a singler six weeks or so. Tain trying to pin the directors down to see if they want me to stay and if they want to take this blueprint on a bit. I think I am a decent coach, but everybody needs money to spend."

An inspection of the largely unfamiliar names on the Leeds bench made O'Leary's point just as neatly. For all the invention of Harry Kewell and the occasional inspiration of Bowyer, Leeds lacked the personnel to take the game to their visitors.

Tottenham should have taken the lead in the second minute, but Les Ferdinand delayed his shot long enough for Harte to block it on the line. It took them another 50 minutes to forge another chance, another shot from Ferdinand that he dragged just wide of Martyn's

right-hand post.
A minute after that, though, they went ahead, when Sherwood fortuitously scooped a cross by Anderton over Martyn. They should have killed the game off then, but, 17 minutes from the end. Anderton allowed Harte to drift inside on to his weaker right foot and drill a low shot past Walker. "I'd told them he wasn't just all left foot," Graham said. George knows, of course, and now David knows, too. LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2). N Martyn — L Radeba, D Weitherall, J Woodgate, I Herte — A I Haeland (aub: W Korsten, 85mm), D Hoplan, I. Bowyer, H Kawell — J F Hassel-baink; A Smith.

Course, A Smith.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker

— S Carr, S Campbell, L Young, J Edinburgh — D Anderson (sub: A Neisen, 83), T Shenucod, S Freund, D Gnote (sub: A Sinbn, 83) — S Nersen, L Ferdinand
Reference: N Ramu

On Saturday, Nico Vaesen, the Huddersfield goalkeeper,

was largely responsible for

keeping his side in the competi-

tion. His defenders were whol-

ly negligent for the first, equal-

ROBERTO DI MATTEO is mocked by his fearn-mates for the new peroxide hairdo, but Chelsea's own colourfulness is just as superficial. The assemblage of shiny reputations, varied nationalities and glamorous salaries distracts people from the fact that this is a very sober side. The perichant for

> flair for melodrama. Often, Chelsea score significantly in the closing stages because they have been cautious and painstaking in their afternoon's work. There were six minutes left in this FA Cuptie on Saturday when Dan Petrescu and Gianfranco Zola combined, priming Bjarne Goldback for the deep cross that was headed home by Di

Matteo, his fellow substitute. The move was full of handsome craftsmanship, rather than passionate spontaneity. The even tone of the match, until then, had led Sheffield Wednesday astray. Perhaps they mistook the occasion for a routine FA Carling Premiership match, in which the prospect of a goalless draw with Chelsea held some appeal. The bump with which Danny Wilson's team have landed in a heap outside this year's FA Cup will have jolted them into recognising the truth. When the outcome was still

in doubt, Wednesday could not summon up the rambunctiousness that should have been their main hope and Wilson observed that the team had lacked self-belief. Chelsea can be intimidating, but it is the baleful severity of their

mask deficiencies

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY late goals is not evidence of a CHELSEA: by Kevin McCarra

> organisation, rather than cosmopolitan exuberance, that demoralises the opposition. have scored 25 goals fewer than Manchester United this season. Players such as Tore Andre Flo. the forward, are missing, but the conservatism also a matter of design. Gianluca Vialli, the playermanager, favours a system of two full backs on each flank. Celestine Babayaro, operating

in front of Graham le Saux on the left, is nominally supposed to attack, but the further forward he moves, the less comfortable he becomes. Vialli disputed the idea that

Chelsea had been drab or bad and, mostly, he was correct. The visitors had far more polish than Wednesday in midfield particularly once Di Matteo had replaced the injured Albert Ferrer. Though Niclas Alexandersson had two attempts to score after Benito Carbone, with assistance from Wim Jonk, had prised open space in the 73rd minute, Cheldefence. Even so, none of that able play could be depended upon to create impetus. Forwards are left with hard toil. Vialli, because of injuries, has been forced to return to the line-up, but he is now asking too much of himself and while his staming is impressive, the Italian cannot summon up the old verve in the penalty box.

this is not the side to suit a veteran attacker. Nonetheless, it was a welcome result for Chelsea, who might even have gone on to exercise their skills with greater freedom had not Dan Petrescu squandered a chance after Jody Morris put him clear in the sixth minute. The Romanian is a former Wednesday player and the crowd barracked him with a gusto composed of pretended scorn and true fear. They understood his accomplishment well and dreaded its impact. Petrescu is part of a gift-ed yet hardy Chelsea. With his mind on the FA Cun Final. Zola joked that Di Matteo will have to get his hair fixed if he

is going to meet the Queen. All the same, advisors would surely inform Her Majesty that, despite alarming appearances to the contrary, Chelsea are a conscientious group of young men when discharging their professional duties.

SHEFFRELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K. Pressman — P Afrenton, E Thome, D Walker, D Stadanovic — N Alexandersson, D Sonnar (sub. J Agogo, 89min), W Jonk, P Rudistor L Briscoe. 83) — B Carbone, A Booth. CHELSEA (4-4-2): E de Gooy — A Ferrer (sub: R Ol Matteo, 29), F Lebourd, M Desaily, G Le Saux. — D Patrescu, J Monris (sub: 8 Goldback, 80), D Wise, C Bebayero — G Zola, G Veall.

Vaesen defiant as Huddersfield bridge divide



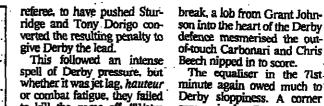
Jackson: team helped by

FIRST it was fireworks for humble Wrexham in the fourth round. On Saturday, there were explosions of tickertape from the roofs of the stands at the McAlpine Stadium. One can only assume that should Huddersfield Town win the fifth round replay at Pride Park, Barry Rubery, their owner, will be ringing up to book dancing elephants and the Red Arrows to greet the conquering heroes on their return to Yorkshire. Once again, this chic stadi-

um, with stands that appear to be too modern and comfortable and a pitch too suitable to progressive football to help a home side cast in the role of staurich underdogs, confirmed

its reputation as a fortress. Wisdom has it that what an underdog needs in an FA Cuptie is a monsoon, a potholed playing surface and a baying crewd hugging the touchlines. Nonetheless, Peter Jackson's HUDDERSFIELD side have lost only once in their past 19 games here and they almost managed to breach the class divide against DERBY COUNTY 2 Derby County, who, apart from a spell early in the second by Martin Woods half, performed like a concert pianist who lapses into playing Three Blind Mice.

ising Derby goal in the 55th minute, when Deon Burton rose alone to meet a cross from the right by Eranio and head home. Four minutes later, Rob Edwards, the full back, was adjudged by Gary Willard, the



to kill the game off. "We've had a nightmare week," Jim Smith, the Derby manager, said. "We have had seven players away, travelling to Jamai-ca, to Croatia and Dublin." Jackson had also suffered. With nine players injured, he

lost his second leading scorer, Wayne Allison, who was excused after the death of his fa-

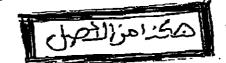
Huddersfield took the lead when, four minutes before the son into the heart of the Derby defence mesmerised the outof-touch Carbonari and Chris Beech nipped in to score.

The equaliser in the 71st minute again owed much to Derby sloppiness. A corner swung in by Ben Thornley was headed on inadvertently by Carbonari and Marcus Stewart pounced to head past a statuesque Dorigo at the far

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): N Vassen - R Edwards, K Gray, J Dyson, D Ed-mondson (sub: D Fecey, Shmin) - D Philips, C Beech, G Johnson, S Baldry - M Stewari, B Thomley.

B Thomley.

DERBY COUNTY (3-4-1-2), R Houte H Co-count (sub: D Powel, 77), I Starrac, S Prior -Usursen, L Caraley, S Eranlo, 7 Dorigo - F Beason (sub: J Hurtl, 87) - D Sturridge (subr K Harper, 85), D Button.





'i made the offer to replay the match on television and also to Steve Bruce' Arsène Wenger

'The goal was an accident. I am sorry' IT HAD not been a good week for Nwankwo Kanu, Arsenal's £4.5 million signing ball from Ray Parlour's throw-in and, unchallenged, crossed it for Marc Overmars to score. In the ensuing pan-

from Internazionale, of Italy. of the Igbo tribe from Nigeria wanted to welcome him to England with a traditional dance on the Highbury pitch, but Arsenal refused to play ball. Kanu was crestfallen. It was nothing, though, comhad lost 2-I. pared to the song and dance that he created when making

his debut on Saturday. Within 11 minutes of entering the FA Cup fifth-round tie against Sheffield United, Kanu was left a sad and bewildered figure. His crime, apparently inadvertent, was break the unwritten code of conduct of returning the ball to an opponent after it had been deliberately kicked out of play. He gathered the

demonium. Steve Bruce, the United manager, threatened to take his players off the pitch. It was all to no availt the goal stood and United, afout Vieira's first-half header.

Kanu left the field alone, disconsolate. "It was an accident," he said. "It was a big mistake, it happened. I'm

remorse. "I didn't see what had happened on the other side," he said. "I saw Kanu running towards goal with the ball and just ran with him. I spoke to him after-wards and he was very sad. It Russell Kempson sees the FA Cup spill over with recriminations as

offer to Bruce and also con-sulted with David Davies,

the FA's acting executive offic-

er. Within an hour, the FA

had sanctioned a second

that he was not a "spoilt brat taking his ball home" with

his furious reaction to the inci-

dent. "If I had just sat there

and not made any protest.

would we have got a replay

that before and as for me

being a spoilt brat, I think

"It has never happened like

for my team?" Bruce asked.

combatants prepare to battle again

At the end, David Dein, the Arsenal vice chairman and an influential Football Associbriefly with Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager. As Wenger went on television to reveal the offer of a replay to United, Dein took further soundings from Nick Coward, the FA's company secretary, who had watched the game, and Terry Annable,

"I offered to replay

chairman of the FA Chal-lenge Cup committee, by tele-

we have got a replay. I was in despair because I have never seen anything like that hap-pen on a football pitch."

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said yesterday: The bush telegraph worked quickly. We're often criticised for acting too slowly, but it was agreed that this was the only way forward."

Although the result has

been justified because people

been declared void, and probably the goals, too, the bookings - for Stuart, Hamilton. Holdsworth, Derry and Mar-celo, all of United — stand. The first game of Emmanuel Petit's three-match suspen-sion will be deemed to have been served and the Arsenal midfield player will be available for the rematch, likely to

receipts — almost £1 million from the crowd of 38,020 and programme sales — will be resolved today to decide the ticket allocations. It has been suggested that a sizeable sum be donated to charity.

On Saturday, Wenger and Dein were magnanimous, Bruce was incensed, Pter Jones, the referee, bemused, Overmars contrite and Kanu distraught. Amid the tangle of emotions and gestures of goodwill, perhaps the Igbo dancers should be allowed to strut their stuff, after all.

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44mm), P Viera. R Partour — D Bergiamp, K Dawera (sub. N Kanu, 65).
SHEFFIELD UNITED (3-5-1) A Kelly — S Derry, D Holdsworth, L Sendiord, W Ournn — P Devlin (sub. M Twess, 90), G Stuart, C Woodhouse, Hamilton, L Morre sub: R



brat taking my ball home. i think I am the one who has been justified' Steve Bruce

The day that football cried foul



Sheffield United players descend angrily upon Jones, the referce, after the controversial circumstances that led to Arsenal's "winning" goal from Overmars in the fifth-round tie at Highbury. Photograph: Steve Bardens

here are few moments in modern football among the robot athleticism, and culture of the win bonus that recall the origins of the game and the sense of honour that pervaded it. The return of the ball to an opponent, even when the laws of the game do not strictly demand it, is one of the last remnants of that spirit, the only action that brings spontaneous applause from all supporters. It makes fans and players feel as if they are part of a sporting community, not just partisans seeking the downfall of the other.

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Amid the catcalls, the boos, the obscene chants, the baiting, the taunting, the ritual hostility, it is a vestige of decency that jogs some half-forgotten instinct for fair play. if Arsenal and the Football Association had not colluded to force a replay of the FA Cup fifth-round tie against Sheffield United on Saturday, then this facet of the game, too, would have been lost to Eng-

lish football for ever. Going with the flow, taking the pragmatic course and insisting that the result stood would have been as cynical as killing off the last of a rare species. It would have been a victory for bureaucrats, for pen-pushers and small minds, for obsworths and unbending ruleobservers everywhere

If Arsenal had gone unchallenged into the sixth-round draw yesterday, how could any English

Oliver Holt says that Arsenal and the FA have struck

a valuable blow for sportsmanship

team have ever turned their backs in trust again? How could they have ever thought the best of their opponents? Just as important, failure to act would have reduced every team's willingness to kick the ball into touch to hasten treatment for an injury.

The curmudgeons will accuse David Davies, the FA's acting chief executive, of taking the easy option, of opening the game up to an anarchy of copycat claims, of acting with undue haste and pandering to populist appeal. In fact, Davies has taken the harder path. the path that opens him to more criticism, and it is something that he should be applauded for. The speed with which he acted merely helped to prevent a weekend of hysterical disapproval being directed at an Arsenal team already under

fire for its disciplinary record. There are many competing arguments here, many concerns, many legitimate worries about setting a precedent. At the bottom of it all. though, is the inescapable fact

that, morally, the FA has done the right thing. It is a long time since it has been accused of that. It was not the best solution. It may. indeed, cause problems in the future. Of course, it would have been better if Overmars had taken the first opportunity to get the ball. run back towards his own goal, tap it into his own net and let the game start from scratch.

If one is being uncharitable towards Peter Jones, the referee might have stopped Nwankwo Kanu in his tracks and booked him for unsportsmanlike conduct. But that did not happen. If Arsenal had not offered, almost demanded, to replay the game, then there would have been little chance of ordering a replay. But that, too, makes this case different.

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, and David Dein, the vice-chairman, were adamant that Sheffield United and Steve Bruce, their manager, be given a second chance, something that has not occurred when other abuses of the Corinthian spirit have happened in the past. The niceties need to be somed out, as does the issue of whether supporters should have to nay to watch an occasion necessitated only by the naivety and stupidity of two of their own players. But that is insignificant compared with the blow for old values struck by Wenger and the FA.

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THE REFEREE'S POINT OF VIEW

PETER JONES could do litde to resolve the moral di-lemma at Highbury. If he had booked Marc Overmars or Nwankwe Kann for unspecting beliavious, he would have had to disallow Overmans's goal; and, if he had done that, he could have

land done that, he could have landed in trouble with the reference authorities. He played if by the book.

Teter was 100 per cent right as the law stands, * David Elleray, England's leading referee, and yesterday.

A referee has no power to the players to throw the ball back to their opponents and so power to penalise them if they don't. It is a sporting ention between players. that's all. No law was bro-kes. All referees would have ne what he Jones did." Not so. In a game against Presson North End first month, Jeff Whitley, of Wrex-

hain, scored direct from the restart after Presion had kicked the ball into touch to allowan injured player to re-trine treatment. Brian Cod-dington disallowed the goal and Wresham lost 50.

iewed from abroad, the Rob Hughes says Highbury affair has sent immediate and mixed messages to the football

world. In bygone times, the Eng-

lish were associated with setting

the standards of sportsmanship

and in Barcelona, where many of

football's brethren were gathered

for the contest between Barcelona

and Real Madrid, the consensus

was: "How swift, how right, how

Corinthian of the English." That it

was at the behest of a Frenchman

and that England were absorbing

their second French lesson in a

week, made little or no difference.

Football Association that sent rip-

ples around the international com-

munity, not least because the bro-

ken "gentleman's agreement" over

the 2006 World Cup bid was ill-

taken overseas and because they

considered that the FA moved with

And yet there is foreboding.

Many people recall that, a few sea-

sons ago, the German football fed-

eration (DfB) ordered a league

match vital to both the champion-

ship and relegation to be replayed

when television proved a referee-

ing error after an incident similar

to the disallowed goal that Nicolas

Aneika scored at Wembley last

week. They remember, too, that Fifa at once upbraided the DfB for

The lack of consultation, not

only with Fifa and Uefa, the world

unilaterally taking the decision.

the pace of an elephant.

It was the rapid reaction of the

the Highbury affair may benefit England's 2006 World Cup bid

and European governing bodies, but also within the FA, will doubtless be raised when the International Football Board meets Fifa officials within the month.

We know, or can summise, why David Davies accepted so rapidly the offer of a replay from Arsenal. It is justice of sorts and it would be churlish in the extreme not to applaud that. Kanu and Overmars may have broken an unwritten rule and it is time, if that is a problem, that Fifa puts this issue of sportsmanship firmly on to the statutes. The International Board meeting could write this into the

rulebook with the blessing of all. However, this assumes that Corinthianism still plays a part in a game that has become a vast, ruthless, commercial enterpise. The FA Cup has run for 127 years without confronting such a situation, or making such a rapid response. Yet it was in December, 1997, that Arsenal themselves felt cheated by Blackburn Rovers when Chris Sut-

ton and Kevin Gallacher profited

at their expense. That was not overturned and now it is inconceivable that the other cheek of sportsmanship will be turned in future.

Should Davies have done what comes naturally to FA officials and dithered? If he had, then the moment and the momentum would have passed. Sheffield United would have accepted their wretched misfortune and the spirit of fair play would have suffered another. perhaps terminal, blow. But Davies, wishing to be seen to be as decisive - not least because he seeks permanent office — was also clever in his later statement. "We are members of Fifa," he said. "and their slogan is 'fair play'. We wanted to show everyone that fair play matters in this country."

Let us hope that it does. Let us grasp the spirit of what Wenger offered and the FA accepted with alacrity. It could mean more in the coming year than any amount of money spent trying to procure votes for 2006. If there are equal candidates, the one who plays fair, who sets the standards, deserves to be treated on merit.

From Jaap de Groot, the chief sports writer of the Dutch newspaper. De Telegraaf and one of the journalists in Barcelona, there was this conclusion. "Wenger may need to promise the Arsenal supporters that his club will try to win everything next season ... they should already be assured of the Fair Play Trophy."

Clumsy Rovers punished by Hignett

ONLY the meanest of souls can have followed Barnsley's unequal, heroic but ultimately futile battle against the fat squads and wallets of the FA Carling Premiership last season without developing a soft
spot for the Yorkshiremen. It was, though, a little extreme of Bristol Rovers to take theirs with them to Oakwell on Saturday and play it at the heart of their defence.

Barnsley may have been out-sung in the stands, even outmanoeuvred on the pitch was Rovers who went out of the FA Cup, their pride mercifully but only tenuously intact. as Barnsley breezed into the quarter-finals for the second successive season with an assurance that they can



scarcely have dreamt possible, despite their loftier status. It was a measure of the scale of Rovers' defeat that their fans took more consolation from news of Bristol City's fate than they did from the late

goal that Roberts tucked away

neatly to complete the scoring.

Inter-city rivalries can be a source of comfort when your own train has been derailed. More pertinently, as far as the Cup is concerned, how good are Barnsley? The team that was sucked unforgivingly

into the Premiership relega-tion waters under Danny Wilson has made surprisingly few ripples in the first division under John Hendrie. There is a familiarity about the defence that conceded 94 goals last season and little has been changed in midfield, either, but while nearly £3 million has been spent on the attack, it is perhaps only now that Barnsley stand to reap the

rewards of their investment. "You are only as good as your strikers." Hendrie said after being able to harness

Bruce Dyer, Craig Hignett and Mike Sheron together for the first time, to devastating effect. The main beneficiary was Hignett, operating in the hole that Rovers helped to dig for themselves. He scored a hattrick, but on each occasion

was aided by poor defending.
They say the worst things that can happen to a club are relegation and a change of manager." Hendrie said. Barnsley, having suffered both, maybe deserved a day such as this.

Jeffers holds a controlling interest the terraces. It was genuinely

BILL KENWRIGHT, the theatre impresario and deputy chairman of Everton, beamed a huge smile before shouting to an acquaintance a few feet away: "it's the romance!" in keeping with the embarrassing nature of Everton's season failed to hear first time, so Ken-

wright had to repeat it. The message was eventually received and, hallehrjah, Kenwright was proved to be correct. It was half-time and his delirium owed everything to the fact that his team had scored a rare goal and were in

Everton have been miserable so-and-sos for the past few months, but, having fallen for the magic of the FA Cup, they became sentimental old



by Stephen Wood fools to reach the quarter-fi-

The sense of relief around Goodison Park was overpowering. Players hugged each other, the supporters gave them a standing ovation and Thomas Myhre, the goalkeeper, threw his gloves into

touching, providing, as it did, a welcome respite from the bilge that has preceded it.

Kenwright and Francis Jeffers, an 18-year-old striker, have leading roles to play in as-suring a brighter future. Ken-wright has launched an official attempt to buy the 68 per cent controlling interest still held by Peter Johnson, the former chairman. Jeffers, though, is the only ray of light on the field. Senior strikers, such as Ibrahima Bakayoko, 22, and Danny Cadamarteri, 19, have dribbled the fortunes

of the team into dead ends. The form of Jeffers for the youth and reserve teams has been too good to ignore, confirming his comeback from a heart condition that interrupt-

scored his well-taken goal after 20 minutes, while John Oster doubled the lead 13 minutes from time. In between, Dave Watson, the 37-year-old defender, was outstanding. "There was a fear that Fran-

ed his career last season. He

cis would not be big enough at this level," Watson said, "but they said that about lan Rush and he did OK." Coventry threatened to ruin Everton's big day when Gary McAllister scored direct from a free kick with six minutes remaining.

WITH SIX MURRIES TETTAURING.

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Sunderland style earns late slice of fortune

Bristol City. Sunderland...

BY A CORRESPONDENT

NOT SO much a game of two halves these days, more one of two haves -- "the haves" and the "have-nots". The disparity between these clubs was evident at Ashton Gate. Peter Reid, the Sunderland

manager, spoke of quality. saying that he would have paid to see passing like that practised by his young side. Benny Lennartsson, the Bristol City coach, could only admire the visiting talent.

"it's a benchmark for the others." Lennartsson said. "To buy quality like that, people ask stupid money. We strug-gled just to keep in the game in the first half. For us, it's a question of working very hard with what we have."

An all-blue strip resembling that of Wimbledon and a lighthouse centre forward in Niall Quinn would have suggested 90 minutes of neckache for supporters. In the event the visitors produced a cultured approach made possible by players who display minimum panic on the ball and maximum movement off it.

Kevin Phillips, partnering Quinn up front, was the greatest exponent of this technique and perhaps it was inevitable that he should be pivotal in the deciding goal. It was a curious decision by Steve Phillips, the City goalkeeper, to dash from his line as his namesake pounced from wide in the IS-yard box. More curious was that Rob Styles should point to the spot when

Unshaken, the Sunderland striker converted the penalty. condemning the referee to a barrage of boos and a few choice words from Scott Davidson, the City chairman. as he left the field. The Waterlooville official is to report Davidson to the Football Association.

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MATIONWIDE LEAGUE: WEST BROMWICH DENIED AS OFFICIALS LOSE SIGHT OF GOAL

Smith refuses to labour point

Bolton Wanderers West Bromwich Albion t

By Met Weer

If i II were in a mind so to do. Detas Smith could be forgiven. this morning for grabbing his writing had and dropping a line to those executive types at Languster Gate to ask it, in the light of their decision after all that he pla in North London. they would arrange to give bim it's point back, the precedent having been set. Stoical chap that he is, the

West Bromwich Albion manager will grin through gritted teath and bear it. However, he could relate the tale, unvarnished with irrelevant detail. of how his team. 2-! down in the second half of their first division match at the Reebok Stadium on Saturday, forced the ball a good 18 inches across the Belton Wanderers goalline not once, but twice in the space of a few seconds, yet were

denied the goal. He could produce countless witnesses who would have to swear, regardless of partisan crossed the line. No slo-mo replay would be necessary, no amount of extra officials in the stand required. It was as clear as day, except to the only two people who mattered - the referee and his assistant at that end of the pitch.

it shows to the referee about it and he said he did not see the ball go over the line." Smith said, then added, mor-

BY GLORGE CAULKIN

THE saviour of English football was

running a little late. The card school

was already taking shape, the first

cans being cracked open in muted cele-

bratten, by the time that Kieron Dyer

found his way abourd the team coach.

There had been duties to perform; a

quick word with the sponsors perhaps,

"Did nothing, Dyer, On a really poor

run at the moment," one querulous

a bottle of champagne to collect.

Fast Anglian voice had



Taylor, right, the Bolton striker, scores the equalising goal against his former club

No. he couldn't have seen it -his view was obstructed by the goalkeeper in the back of the net with the ball." Ouch. Actually, if Smith were in an

Ipswich Town's nineteenth clean sheet

of the season. This of a player drafted

into the full England squad for the first

time last week and voted man of the

All of it befitting a genuine midfield enigma. As tiresome as it is familiar.

"Just What Can Be Done About Eng-

land" is once more doing the rounds

and, unlikely as it may seem, Ipswich

Town are providing a realistic solu-tion. Not since 1982, when Bobby Rob-son was appointed England manager, have the club held such potential for

Despite signing a new contract re-

cently, the scouts have been flocking

regularly to Ipswich and there was

match against Bradford City.

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would need if the Highbury affair was to be used as a template, a sympathetic opposition manager to speak up in his support and he would have actively protesting mood, he no chance there. Colin Todd.

Scouts savour the Dyer experience

Saturday.

his Bolton counterpart, knew what had happened but was quite happy with what he had got, thanks very much. The ball was probably over the line, " he conceded, skilfully injecting a scintilla of doubt into an incident in which doubt never played a part. But I was pleased with the way things went today." Well, he would be - it is not every day that your team draw 2-2 and get three points for it.

It was, as well as being Bolton's fourteenth first division match without defeat, their sixth league victory in succession and, if this was the luckiest of the lot by a distance, not even the best can get by without a slice of good fortune now and again. It pushed them up to second place in the table and left their opponents still just off the play-off pace.

West Bromwich deservedly took the lead in the 27th minute with De Freitas's low. powerful shot past Jaaskelain en's despairing right hand and Bolton capped a pulsating first half when Taylor found a vard of space on the central defenders and side-footed in a whipped cross by Johansen a minute before half-time.

Six minutes after the break. Cox, the Bolton full back, finshed off a fluent move to put his side into the lead. Within a minute, the visitors scored twice - in a frenzied goalmouth scrimmage. The equaliser made the score Bolton 2, West Brom I; funny old game.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2). J Jaasket-amen — N Cou. A Etic!! M Fish, M Whillow — M Johansen, C Jensen (sub. R Gardner, "Synn, P Francisen, S Sekars — D Holds-worth R Taylor.

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be put on hold until the pressing bur-

Dyer will continue doing nothing, running the game and adding to his

wine cellar. Bradford hit the crossbar

on Saturday. David Johnson was

booked for diving, but the attention was elsewhere. "Not my type of game.

that," he shrugged. Wrong, wrong and

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2): G Walsh — S Winght, D Majore, A Westwood, W Jacobs — J Lawrence, S McCar-R C Whatley P Beagne — R Blake (sub. I Starkin, 8-3): L Mills

wrong again. Most certainly, it is.

with Poland next month is eased.

den of the Euro 2000 qualifying tie

Luis Enrique leads party in Barcelona

Rarcelona. Real Madrid

> FROM ROB HUGHES IN BARCELONA

CARNIVAL began in Barcelona last Thursday and it is due to stretch until Ash Wednesday. However, it will seem much, much longer than that after Barcelona, in their centenary year, hum-bled Real Madrid in front of a capacity crowd of 98,000 citizens of Catalonia.

It stretched to eight Barcelona's run of consecutive vic-tories and it is now six years since the imperialists from Madrid scored a goal on the famous Nou Camp ground and i6 years since they last savoured victory there. Oh yes, the Catalans are in a period of enjoyment. They seemed to have every-

thing that they wanted yesterday, starting with a goal from Luis Enrique in the fourth minute, reaching fever pitch when Roberto Carlos, of Madrid, was sent off for a violent tackle in the twentieth minute and then, with the movement and the guile of Barcelona altogether too sweet for the champion team of Europe, it was simply a matter of how many goals they hungered for.

In the end, it was a mere three, so Iturralde Gonzalez, the referee, whose grandfa-ther had officiated in the match in 1935, could not say that it runs entirely in the blood. The score in his grandfather's time was 5-0.

But who is counting? It is carnival. This was the first time in history that, to the dismay even of the governments of Catalonia and Spain, they had dared to put the match on digital pay-per-view televi-sion. They had a captive audience because, with the stadinow reduced from 120,000, because of all-seater requirements, the lucky

few is becoming thinner. No matter, with Rivaldo. the player preferred here to Steve McManaman, so positive and so skilful on the left. there was only one team in it from the beginning. He began the move for the first goal, though when Kluivert took it up from the edge of the penalty box, there was work to do. The tall Dutchman checked in his stride, cut back inside Campo and. with his right foot, delicately, deliciously floated the ball on to the head of Luis Enrique

for a gently headed goal. Real were at sea and they never had faith in Pedro Contreras, their reserve goalkeeper - and he, indeed, was given poor cover by Roberto Carlos. The Brazilian is such a mover coming forward, such a threat with his left foot, but yesterday he

start because he had boasted to the media that he had rejected a move to Barcelona and his part in the game was rightfully over less than a quarter of the way through. He chased Figo, launched a two-footed tackle 18 inches off the ground and, when his boot scythed down Figo. a reckless challenge if ever there was one, it was the type of tackle that the red card was invented for. Roberto Carlos claimed later that he "got something" on the ball. That is not the point, the referee saw ill-intent.

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Over and out for Roberto Carlos and for his already disjointed team. After 36 min utes, it was 2-0, Barcelona stroked the ball patiently and potently. Figo teased the unfortunate Campo, sending him this way and that before Guardiola, his captain, delicately chipped the ball into the centre, and, once again, Luis Enrique almost nonchalantly headed the goal.

It was virtually a fait accompli. Barcelona had nothing to fear but their own complacency, which, from time to time, allowed Real to stretch Ruud Hesp, the Barcelona goalkeeper. That was practice and the perfection came in the other goalmouth, eight minutes from time. Kluivert had been content, on this crisp and clear

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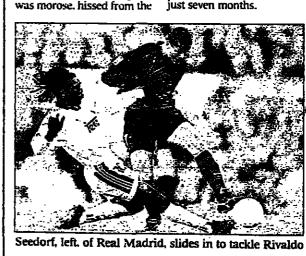
Weekend results and league tables....

evening, to draw Hierro out of defence and he did so again, allowing the most accomplished performer on the field to finish the affair. Rivaldo moved instinctively through the middle, took the ball high on the outside of his left thigh and then needed two more touches: the first controlled the ball and at the same time evaded the lunging Campo: the second dispatched the ball, left-footed low inside the far post.

So, it was complete. Down in the Spanish capital. Español. Barcelona's "other" club, had on Saturday night defeated Atlético Madrid 2-1. This was the old one-two for the separatists who enjoy their autonomy through the round ball - and the excuse 🔊 for much more carnival.

BARCELONA (3-3-1-31: R Hesp.— F Abelardo, F de Boer, B Sorgi (sub R Garde, 89mms) — R de Boer, J Guardola, P Cocu — Lus Emique (sub O Garda, 86) — Lus Engo, P Kluwen, Rivatioo REAL MADRID (4-3-1-2) P Contreta — C Parucci, F Herro, I Campo, Roberto Carlos — C Seedorf, M Sanchis (sub C Karembeu, 75), R Jami — Raul — P Migation (54b Savo, 46), F Monentes (sub J-M Guit, 46)

☐ Atlético Madrid, the Span ish first division club, yesterday dismissed Arrigo Sac-chi, the former Italy coach, after a string of poor results. He had been in the job for just seven months.



IPSWICH TOWN (3-5-2) R Winght — A Tanner, T Mou-tray, M Venus — F Witns, K Diver, J Magitian, M Hol-land, J Captian — M Harewood (sub: R Naylor, 62), D Johnson. later, although it is likely that England's search for their own Zidane will Morrison

stands

his ground

another troupe at Valley Parade on

Dyer's contribution had been mini-

mal, but the immediacy of his talent

was palpable, as it was at Bisham

Abbey last week. With that disarming,

youthful combination of modesty and

confidence, he had promised to take an

autograph book and talked of "a won-

derful experience, training with these

world-class players".
With Paul Gascoigne tipping the

scales of credibility. Jamie Redknapp

unfulfilled. Paul Ince suspended and

Darren Anderton anonymous. Dyer's

chance could come sooner rather than

Sournemouth Manchester City.... 0

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

MANCHESTER City, of course, are old hands at deflating expectations, usually those of their own supporters. On Saturday, however, they disappointed Dean Court's biggest crowd of the season. more than 10,000, who had come to see their favourites reaffirm their promotion credentials with victors over the Nationwide League second divi-

sion's favourite fallen giants. Unfortunately for them. City were made of sterner stuff than Preston North End or Stoke City. Bournemouth's recent victims.

The visiting players' commitment went, if anything, too far at times. Cautions for dissent led to the dismissals of two City players - Jamie Pollock, the captain, was sent off for the third time this season after receiving a second yellow card for a foul with ten minutes left, while Kevin Horlock went in stoppage time.

At least it shows that they care, a point proved as City threw their remaining bodies in the way of Bournemouth's late surge, guaranteeing a clean sheet that they had carned by restricting the previously prolific home team to a handful of chances. Steve Fletcher controlled a long pass before firing wide on the turn in the first half, but it was the only time he escaped the attentions of Andy Morrison. Morrison, also booked for

dissent has a physique that City followers are more than "Where can we get another half-dozen Andy Morrisons?" City, who have crept up on to the fringes of the play-off po-

sitions could have spoils Bournemouth's unbeaten home record if Gareth Taylor had taken one of three secondhalf chances. AFC BOURNEMOUTH

Witter falls foul of the law

Cambridge United .. Scunthorpe United.

By Pat GIBSON

SCOUTS turn up regularly to test covetous eyes over Cambridge United's emerging players, but it was a veteran defender that nobody seemed to want who stole the show in this Nationwide League thirddivision promotion tussle.

Tony Witter, 33, formerly of Crystal Palace, Queens Park Rangers and Millwall, was turning out for Welling United in the Nationwide Conference when he got a call from Brian Laws, the Scunthorpe United manager, and, after having an injection on the team bus to deaden the pain of a toe injury suffered in his only training session, proceeded to draw the sting of Cambridge's 39-goal strike force of Butler. Benjamin and Taylor.

His only disappointment came two minutes into injury time, when he was ludicrously sent off for a second bookable offence and if William Jordan, the referee and a police inspecfor, shares Arsene Wenger's sense of fair play, he may well reflect that there was a miscarriage of justice.

Winer, who had been booked in the seventieth minute for little more than a clums challenge, said: The player [Butler] fell over for the umpteenth time and although he apologised afterwards, the damage had been done." Laws thought it was "ridicu-

lous", but wisely said no more. He had discovered that Jordan was a stickler for the law when would not look out of place at | be offered him his glasses afrughy league grounds, but liter an earlier incident and was ; reprimanded by two constahappy to have him at Maine : bles as well as an inspector. Road: a lanzine asked: Even so, he was pleased with the result, which deprived Cambridge of a win that would have taken them to the top of the table, and was full of praise for Witter's part in it. He's dene a fantastic job. considering he came in at short notice," Law said. "He was a free agent, but he isn't now,"

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Raine puts damper on Barry's parade

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

CONNAH'S Quay Nomads, for the second year running. have knocked Barry Town, the League of Wales champions, out of the Welsh Cup. winning the fourth-round tie at Jenner Park I-O on Saturday thanks to a goal in the eighth minute by Sruart Raine.

Connah's Quay held on from the 37th minute with only ten men after Jamie Hughes, their striker, was sent off for a second bookable offence. The Nomads beat Barry 2-1 in the semi-finals at Newtown last year, going on to lose to Bangor City in the final.

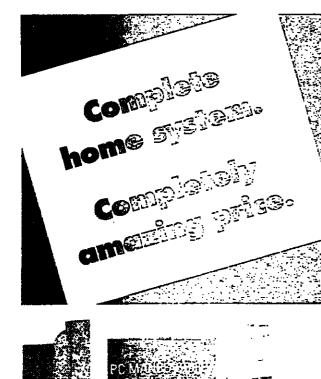
They will be at home to the winners of the replay between Inter Cable-Tel and Pontardawe in the quarter-finals. The other ties are Ammanford Town v Conwy United, TNS v Cwmbran and Carmarthen Town v Port Talbot.

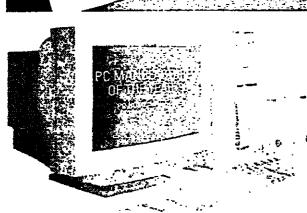
It remains neck and neck at the head of the Football Conference, with Kenering Town and

Cheltenham Town winning on Saturday. Steve William signed by Peter Morris. the Kettering manager, from King's Lynn, his former club. came off the substitutes' bench to score the winner in a 2-1 victory over Telford United.

Yeovil Town maintained their unbeaten run away from home when goals by Warren Patmore and Owen Pickard brought them a 2-0 victory over Doncaster Rovers at Belle

Joe Nartey, the Aldershot Town striker, kept up his personal crusade against Bishop's Stortford, who are struggling at the foot of the Ryman League premier division. Nartey scored four times in 5-0 win at the Recreation Ground on Saturday, having scored five against the same opponents in an 8-0 win in September and once when playing against them during a loan spell at Billericay Town.





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began. You have forgotten the feeling of feeling good. You just don't get it any more.

And, for some, there comes a day when you say: "Enough." Or: "Too much. It ends now." And even then you fear that it could all start again. You fear that you might come sneaking back. No harm in watching a couple of overs. is there? And maybe it wasn't so bad after all. Maybe the misery was an over-reaction. There are plenty of good things to be had. They had just

ting. If anybody can do it, he can. And so you take a swig of that most dangerous and insid-ious boule of all: the illegally-distilled hooch, the moon-shine, England crickers murderous self-blinding white

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lightning known as Hope. And the problems with that treacherous English poteen is that one sip is never quite enough. And nor are one thousand. You sip until the bottle is dry and then you hunt for another. Hope is England cricket's equivalent of the Old Janx die. Won't you pour me one more of that sinful Old Janx

That was how it felt on Saturday morning watching England playing, to use the term loosely, cricket, to use the term even more loosely. You brace yourself for a headache and you get a near-death experi-ence. You brace yourself for disappointment and you get despair. You prepare yourself for defeat and you get humiliation. I mean, 13 for four. Switch off at once. But no. you watch.



you sip on until the bottle is empty. You watch Ealham and Wells work out that the right tactic for dealing with the best slow bowler in the world

is to swipe across the line. The sole interest of the occasion became the question of whether or not England would sink to their worst-ever oneday deleat. Hooray! It turned out only to be their second worst. And Warne ended it all

PROGRAMME NOTES with the perfect zooter - a de-

livery straight from the Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy.

The last delivery implies that England were beaten by brilliance, when the truth is that they lost because they ex-pected to lose. Don't believe a single thing they tell you about thinking positive, even though they all believe it themselves. They are all in thrall to the culture of defeat. They were de-

Churchill used to refer to his intermittent companion - de-The England cricket team has been pursued across the past decade and a half by a baying

And this is a problem for the television companies. The Sky commentary team responded with a kind of dull shock, but duilness has always been something of a specialité de la

pack of enormous black

ing as victory, but defeatism is another matter. Not very sexy. not very new millennium. And, of course, there are viewers more strong-minded than myself, who will be able

to walk away and who will not be back. Charles Colville cornered David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, and Graveney had clearly been hitting the Old Janx Spirit pretty hard. He started talking about "one bad game".

Colville's charm as a televi-

Graveney responded with a of that sinful Old Janx Spirit?

Keegan's actions indicate worm has not turned

Thoever coined the expression "can of worms" all those years ago has a lot to answer for. What to make of the Football Association's snap decision on Saturday to allow a replay of the controversial Arsenal v Sheffield United match? "Can of worms," I opined at once, shaking my head in sorrow. "Can of worms," every pundit said. The fact that nobody has ever seen a can of worms, or indeed stopped to consider the exact point of the expression, didn't much matter.

Yesterday, I found myself asking people who didn't care: "But why is it a can of worms? Do the worms escape? Is that the point? Or do they form an inextricable tangle? I mean, if the point is that the contents of the can rapidly disperse, like the stuff in Pandora's Box, why would you pick worms? Worms are really slow off the mark, surely? That's why there are no worm races in the Far East . . ."

At which point, I was forced to concede that certain idiomatic oddities just don't bear a lot of interrogation. At Old Trafford yesterday, however, worms were still much on my mind. They kept turning, all afternoon. The fifth-round FA Cup match turned out to be an exuberantly slithery, slidey affair, with those normally quick-witted Manchester United players made to look stolid and unimaginative by a zippy, slidey, slippery team.

If this is what the worms are like when they are let out, I now appreciate the force of the phrase. A bucketful of offal just doesn't cover it. Steve Finnan and the other Fulham defenders repeatedly wiggled the ball away from the United strikers - Andy Cole, Dwight Yorke, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer while, in attack, Barry Hayles escaped his markers as though coat-



ed in Castrol GTX. I have never seen such wriggly-writhey lubrica-tion on a football field. "Go. worms, go," I urged them, finding that I had taken sides in an unprofessional manner. "Yoo hoo, Kevin! Great job with those

worms!" And so on. When you don't support either team yourself, you can take a lot of consolation from a valiant 1-0 defeat, well-lought. It's the irritating privilege of the non-aligned. To be frank, I had a marvellous time at Old Trafford yesterday (despite the freezing drizzle) because the game was clean and clever and full of blocked shots that rebounded dangerously, only to be struck and blocked again. "Ooh-ah," we

said, a lot. It wasn't what I had expected from the match programme, in which each Fulham player was damned with faint praise for his doggedness and "good service". As



it turned out, you see, Fulham needed only big-brimmed hats. with ostrich feathers in to announce any more clearly their elegance and flair. The big story of this match, of

course, was what its outcome would signify for the future of Kevin Keegan - a complicated calculation based entirely on supposition. Winning and reaching the quarter-finals of the Cup would impress everybody at the FA, but also (perhaps) make him more determined to do the right thing and stick with Fulham. Losing the match disastrously would be bad for any England ambitions; but then he was claiming until yesterday not to have any, anyway. Aaargh. Now he's saying he will speak to the FA if they call him. but that he won't "walk out" on his contract. I am attracted towards an image involving a tangle of primitive subterranean organisms

revealed in a tin receptacle, but will resist it at all costs.

Basking in the spotlight: Fulham's exit from the FA Cup at Old Trafford left Ker

charisma, he's a household name, he loves begetting headlines, so how long will he really remain at Fulham? Yes, Fulham have responded magnificently to treat-

Keegan's autobiography (his third), I met a woman who idolcard," she whispered, giving me a nudge. "She prefers Cliff to me, re-

The key to Keegan is his love of the limelight, of course. He's got ment and will soon

go up a division, but they are now out of the Cup and the rest of the season will be hard work for a relatively meagre reward.

Last year, at an event promoting ised him so utterly that she had 42 scrapbooks, a hundred videos and (I think) even his home address. "He always sends me a Christmas

ally." Keegan responded, undisturbed. When he was on the telly after a recent match at Southampton, he told Barry Davies "good to be back" - and he surely didn't mean it was good to be back at

smelly old Southampton, unless he was losing his mind.

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matches as if they are messages to destiny; it's a bit unfair to judge managers on a single team performance, too. But if we can conclude that Howard Wilkinson is a thorough wet and a weed after the France match last week, we can

ed, that Keegan has everything that we've been after. "We lack motivation!" we all wailed on Wednesday, after the match. "He has given them motivation!" we exclaimed yesterday. The only problem is that Keegan has what a friend of mine recently described as a "pattern of flight" - of disap-

pearing unexpectedly. And patterns don't get broken very often in life. "Ooh. er, where did Kev disappear

10?" is the regular cry, wherever he

extraordinary refusals of England cricket people to come to terms with the fact that the England team is locked in a

spiral of defeatism. list of names and pointed out that people such as this "don't become bad players overnight". Perhaps not, but we keep on hoping that they are going to become good players overnight. Hoping. Hoping. Won't you pour me one more

I assume it's dangerous to read Where did Kev disappear

pledges himself. So no wonder, every time he's re-

the back of everyone's mind is the

cently declared his allegiance to Fulham (his intention as an honourable man to fulfil his contract and finish the job and keep right on to the end of the road), it has sounded increasingly hollow. At

niggle: if he's willing to leave Fulham after all (with his chairman's blessing), won't the cry "ooh, er, where's Kev?" inevitably ring out at Lancaster Gate one day in the

next couple of years? On the subject of that other can of worms this weekend. I started out with a gooey feel-good reaction to Arsène Wenger's grand gesture. and a tear rolled down my cheek. But I changed my mind, actually, Since no rule was actually broken. I decided that the referee was right and the goal should stand and. above all, Arsenal should not be allowed to look like good guys when they are actually bad guys. Scor-ing that goal was a bad-guy act and a just outcome is that they should live with it and hang their heads. Thus is the can of worms neatly avoided, for a start, and also all those bizarre knee-jerk allusions to Corinth, which presuma-bly don't bear looking at either.

NETBALL

Essex enjoy double celebration

ESSEX Met won the Alex Barlass under-18 inter-county tour-nament for the first time since 1990 when they beat Surrey 14-7 yesterday (Cathy Harris writes). In a double celebration, both their under-18 and under-16 sides collected the trophies for the best defensive

Maria Fitzgerald and Nicola Darby shared the honours in the goalscoring, but the presence of Laura Hudson and Sa-rah Bowler, the England 2000 players, also proved to be decisive. In the under-16 section, the five England under-17 players in the South Durham and Cleveland squad helped their team to a convincing 23-8 victory over Birmingham.

Lizzie Thomas, 15, the goalshooter, made the most of her 5ft llin to score 14 goals, receiving excellent support from Vicky Phillips, Jill Mulrooney, Melissa Storey and Natalie Connor, her England teammates. Liz Broomhead, the chairman of the England selectors, said that 100 players had been identified and would be invited to area coaching. We found some talented individuals, especially from the West

Don't fall into the same trap

arty in the first peri-od of the Manchester v Ayr ice bockey game on Saturday night, Stefan Ketola, of Manchester, picked up a wonderful crossing pass and began rushing towards the Scottish Eagles goalnet.
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And rushing, and rushing, and rushing.

As a rabid American hockey fan from New York, I had gone to Manchester to see the Sekonda Superleague's top team in action and to get the

pulse of the British pro game. Watching Ketola's breakaway, I began to think that maction might be a better word Ketola, it seemed, took forever to reach the net. Starting out a full step ahead of the nearest defender, the syrupy Swede allowed the Scottish

player to catch up. body get out there and give

He did reach the net, finally, but was unable to score on a play that had begun beautifully. Swelled with smug American pride. I was not

Pd had my doubts from the moment I'd seen vendors hawking giant foam hands. Here, foam hands were like some strange Star Wars creature. They had - horror! five fingers!

Devlin Barrett holds his non-giant foam hand up and says British ice

hockey is more exciting than the NHL

foam hand that makes any sense has a single index finger raised in a point, so that you can wave it and scream over and over "We're No!! The one-fingered foam hand is as American as apple pie, seducing interns and bombing places that we can't pronounce. What were these British ice hockey fans trying to say? We' re No 5? But a funny thing happened during my little rev-erie. The teams kept playing bockey, back and forth, shoot-

ing, passing, hitting with greater and greater intensity. As a National Hockey

this in a long time.
In the millionaire pros, you see, they have a system called the "trap", and it is pure evil. Imagine a football field half as wide as it should be and all the players jamming up the midfield playing defence only, never allowing the other team to get in scoring range but never letting your own

League (NHL) fan, I'm

ashamed to say I had not seen

team get there, either. In the NHL, team owners hire the best of the world's talent, like "Russian Rocket" Pavel Bure for £3 million a



Eve of the storm: Darren Hurley, of Manchester, keeps

against the trap so they can do

next to nothing.

But up in Manchester, no one was playing the trap. Just all-out, go-get 'em hockey. Okay, so the players weren't

as good as the NHL The shots were weaker, the hitting was inconsistent, and the skating ... well, let's not talk about the skating. But, in the absence of the

trap, and a bigger. Europeanstyle ice surface, the game was much better than half of those played in the NHL on any given night — and more exciting. Both sides took chances, gambled and won. gambled and lost.

On Saturday night, it was Manchester's turn, winning 3-1 to go slightly ahead of Car-diff in the table, with only a handful of games to play. Later, Kurt Kleinendorst, the Manchester coach, talked

electully about the differences between the NHL and Sekonda Superleague. "Over there. there's no room to escape and generate some offense," he said. "Can you imagine Pavel Bure on this ice?"

Ever since he said that, I

can't stop imagining it. A hockey nut like myself could easily go blind watching Bure unleashed on this surface. It's enough to make me forget all about that rinky-dinky little league in the States.

Decision angers Nemeth

BASKETBALL

PETER SCANTLEBURY, who thought that his days as an England player were over after collecting a record haul of 124 caps, has suddenly found him-self a man in demand. So badly, in fact, is the Sheffield Sharks forward required by Laszlo Nemeth, the national team coach, that a club v country confrontation has only nar-

rowly been averted. Dr Nemeth, who wants Scantlebury not only as his assistant coach but also as a player, invoked a rule of Fiba, the world governing body, oblig-ing clubs to release players for internationals. England, who will prepare for the European championship qualifier against Belarus at Crystal Palace on February 24 with two 13 points to indicate their regames in Switzerland, wanted Scantlebury for all three internationals, which would have meant him missing the Sharks vital Budweiser

don Towers next Sunday. The argument was resolved last week after a compromise was reached between the Sharks and Simon Kirkland, the chief executive of the English Basket Ball Association. Scantlebury will play for the Sharks before flying to Geneva for the second of the two internationals in Nyon.

League encounter against Lon-

By Nicholas Harling

The compromise has not pleased Dr Nemeth, however. 'Fiba dates are known five years in advance," he said. "It wouldn't have taken a rocket scientist to work out that the Sharks shouldn't have arranged their game for the Sun-

Scantlebury sank eight points on Saturday when the Sharks maintained their push for the title with an enthralling 98-89 victory over Thames Valley Tigers at Bracknell. Trail-ing 18-12 to one of only two teams to have beaten them this season in the League, the Sharks then reeled off the next

from goalpending by Jason Siemon to add to two earlier significant three-pointers. When Myers then fouled Are-na, who missed all three free throws, the Tigers knew that it was not going to be their day. They had succumbed chiefly to Todd Cauthorn, who scored

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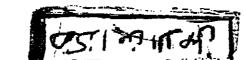
until the last three minutes,

when Terrell Myers benefited first from an unsportsmanlike

foul by Casey Arena and then

26 points for the Sharks. Manchester Giants, the Sheffield side's only title rivals, also won at the weekend. Their 94-85 victory away to Worthing Bears, the bottom club. came with the help of 24 points

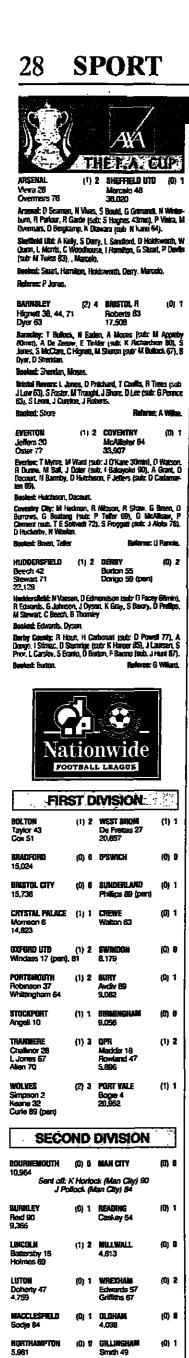




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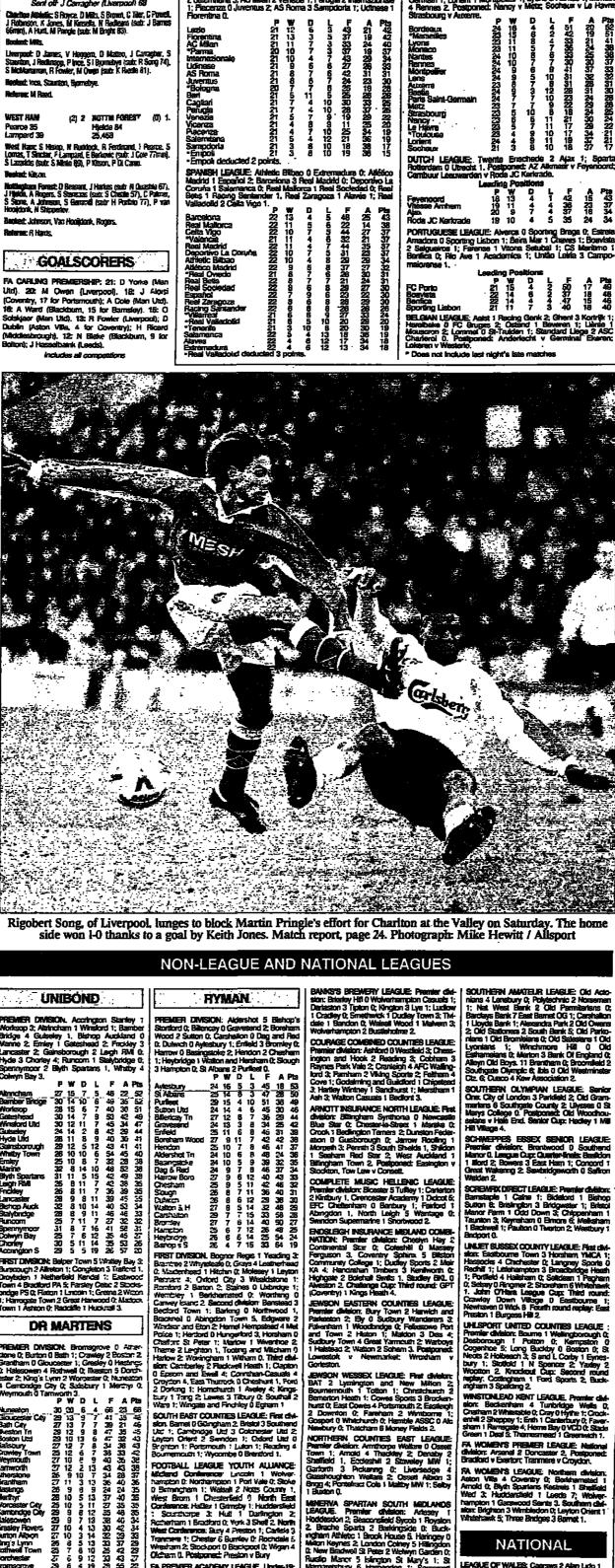
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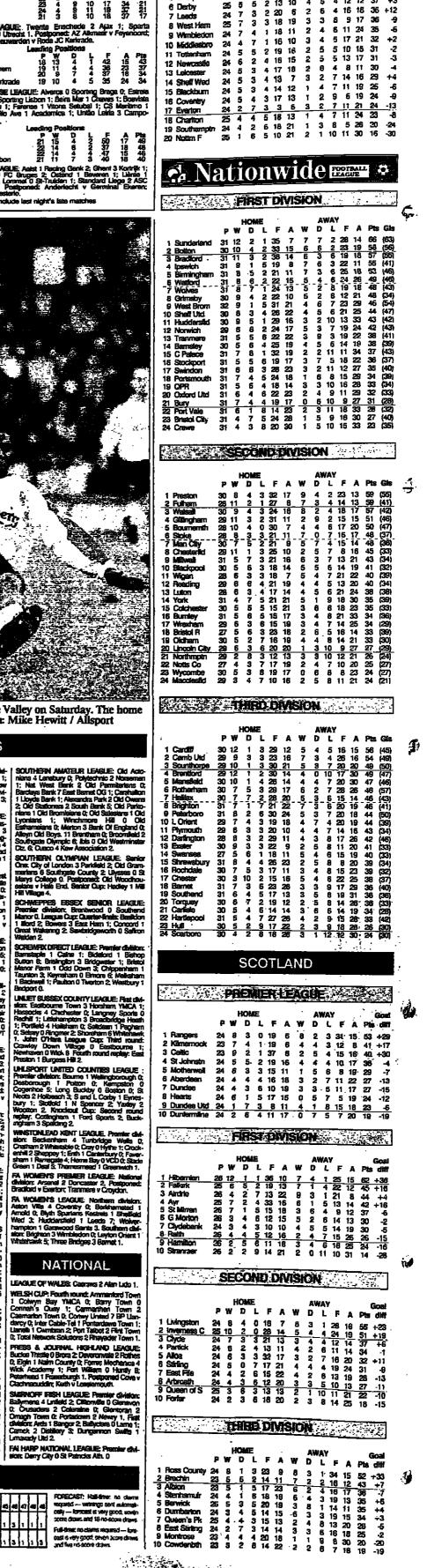
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Howell begins to fulfil promise

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

A LOT has been expected of David Howell since he turned professional in 1995 with words of praise from Peter McEvoy ringing in his ears. "He is one of the best I have seen for ten years," McEvoy, then captain of the England amateur team of which Howell was a star member, said.

Now Howell, 23, is turning that promise into reality. Victory in the Desert Classic here yesterday was his second as a professional in three months and he now looks a lot

Nick Faldo must wait to see if he will qualify for the An-dersen Consulting world championship in California next week. Faldo, who missed the halfway cut in Dubai, must hold 65th place in the rankings, but he is threatened by David Toms, who could oust him if he finishes seventh at the Buick Invitational.

better than the 169th-best golfer in the world, which is what he was ranked at the start of last week.

In Sydney last November, Howell ran away with the Australian PGA championship by opening up a lead of six strokes in the third round and coasting to his maiden victory as a professional by seven strokes. Here, at Dubai Creek, on a day of sunshine and a light breeze that contrasted with the gloomy, overcast conditions of the third round, Howell laid waste to the field over the outward half of his final round. He reached the turn in 31 strokes, five under par, to leave his rivals gasping.

Howell birdled the 1st while Wayne Riley, with whom he had shared the lead at eight under par overnight, bogeyed it and that two-stroke swing sent each man on their respective ways. A 67 by Howell, who led by six strokes at one point, took him to 13 under par, four strokes ahead of Lee Westwood. Riley had a 74 to fall back to six under par, where he was ned with Ed Fryatt and Colin Montgomerie.

Howell has been known as a long hinter for some time. "I played with him in a practice round for the Open two years ago and he was long then and, if anything, a bit wild," Mark James, the Ryder Cup captain. said. To win round here sug-gests he is obviously not wild now. If you can win here, you can win anywhere."
Howell's birdie on the 1st

settled any nerves that he might have had, but it came after he had driven into the rough. He was wild off the tee on the 3rd as well as the 4th, where he holed a 40ft putt for a birdie. An eagle on the 5th, where he used a three-wood and a five-iron before sinking a 6ft putt, steadied him, and birdies on the 9th and 10th holes confirmed that he was not going to let the initiative slip.

Westwood, returning to something like his best after his

winter lay-off, proved to be the

Howell produced a superb final round to win the Desert Classic in Dubai yesterday. Photograph: Jack Dabaghian

closest of Howell's pursuers -his final round of 67 following scores of 72, 71, and 69. On the 15th, he hit a seven-iron to 4ft and holed for a birdie - enabling him to leap ahead of James and Paul McGinley. who were tied for third place, eight under par, after rounds of

69 and 67 respectively. You would see David on the practice range and know he had that little bit extra," Westwood said. "I think that David

lacked self-belief until he played well in Japan in November and then went to Australia and won there a week later."

Howell agreed. He said: "Pete Cowen, my coach, used to tell me not to put myself down so much, that I don't believe I am as good as I am." This win should give Howell all the confi-dence that he needs. ☐ John Hopkins's column will

appear later this week.

LEADING FINAL SCORES

MOTOR RALLYING

McRae bemoans Finn's dominance

FROM JEREMY HART IN KARLSTAD

COLIN McRAE described Tommi Makinen's victory in the Swedish Rally yesterday as bad for the sport. It was the Finn's fifth win in the past six events and McRae said: "It is not good for one driver to be so

McRae, who was forced out of the event on Saturday, predicts a fourth successive world championship for Makinen, unless Carlos Sainz, who was second for a fourth year in a row in Sweden, can find a

chink in the Finn's armour.

"With many drivers in nev cars still finding their feet, this could be Tommi's easiest title yet," McRae said. "He is understandably confident at the moment, but by mid-season I reckon we will be winning and, although the championship might be out of our grasp. we will still add some sparkle to the end of the year." Makinen, in a Mitsubishi.

dominated the Swedish Rally almost from start to finish, although Sainz, driving a Toyota, led briefly on Friday before losing his grip on an event never won by a non-Scandinavian

"It is of course disappointing not to have moved up a place after four years of finishing second," Sainz said. "This has been the fastest Swedish Rally I can remember. At one point, we hit 200 kilometres an hour — and on ice."

Makinen's lead in the title

ace is a bealthy 13 points from Didier Auriol, the No 2 Toyota driver, who was fourth in Swe-The Frenchman was locked in a close fight for third place until the last stage, but eventually lost out by 2.5sec to Thomas Radstrom in the second Ford Focus. Richard Burns, in a Subaru, finished lifth after struggling with unsuitable tyres.

potted brown, blue and pink for I-I. Again Higgins threat-

> an exceptional 66 clearance. he stole the third frame on the black and cleared with 34 to win the fourth for a 3-1 advantage at the mid-session inter-

ty controlled the fifth frame tactically, but, 27-0 ahead in the sixth, he went in-off playing an attempted safety and Higgins stepped in with a 76 break to establish a 4-2 lead. Higgins, who eased

through his opening matches by beating Alain Robidoux and Mark King 6-1, looked set ly calling a foul shot on himself at a critical stage of the seventh frame, the pendulum swung against him.

Higgins, forced to bridge awkwardly over the pack, potted a red to a middle pocket. but in so doing, illegally grazed another with his cue. Verhass, the referee, and a

SNOOKER

Higgins kept on tight rein by Doherty's persistence

By PHIL YATES

KEN DOHERTY, who has found, over the past few days that mediocre form does not necessarily block the path to success, entered the concluding session of the Benson and Hedges Masters final at Wembley Conference Centre last night on level terms with John ing, disjointed eighth frame to Higgins, the world champion. with the opportunity still there to become the first Irish winner of the game's leading invitation event since Dennis Taylor recovered from 8-6 down to edge out Alex Hig-

However, any assumption from the 4-4 scoreline at the in-terval that Doherty had at last regained the form that enaoled him to win the world title in 1997, was well wide of the mark. The Dubliner had rarely engaged anything higher than second gear all week. but, crucially, he continued to fight determinedly against

gins 9-8 in 1987.

struggling opponents In turn, Steve Davis, Ron-nie O'Sullivan and Alan Me-Manus were below par against him and Higgins, the odd flourish accepted, also failed to display his usual lev-

el of reliability. Higgins, who overcame the handicap of a stomach upset to defeat Anthony Hamilton 6-3 in a low-key semi-final on Saturday, began brightly, with breaks of 45 and 35 in the first frame, before Doherty ened to take command when, erasing a 60-point deficit with

Without being able to generate any level of fluency, Doher-

He immediately alerted Jan

frame-winning opportunity disappeared. On his next visit to the table. Higgins misjudged a return to salety. Doherty put togeth-er a run of 47 and, greatly assisted by fluking the penultimate red, he took a low-scor-

restore parity.
Six of the remaining 11 frames were required in order to collect a first prize of £155.000, the largest so far this season. To become only the third player to simultaneously hold the world, United Kingdom and Masters titles after Davis and Stephen Hendry was an additional and powerful incentive for Higgins.

Even though Doherty was fighting a fierce rearguard action, it was generally accepted that Higgins retained his status as favourite, having prevailed in six of his eight previ-



Higgins: remains favourite

ous encounters with Donerty. including an 18-12 victory in the world championship final nine months ago. The last time that he played in the final of a leading tournament, Higgins came alive in the second session. On that occasion. he pulled away from Matthew Stevens to win the United Kingdom championship at Bournemouth in November.

However, despite his consistency and unparalleled record over the past three the 24 finals he has contested. Doherty, a keen student of the game, was surely aware of that particular statistic, and must have drawn a certain amount of confidence from it.

SEMI-FINALS: V Donory (ive) bt A Mo-Marus (Scot) 63. J Higgins (Scot) bt A Hamaton (Eng) 63. FINAL: Donery (evel with Higgins 4-4. Frame scores (Higgins Irst) 53-51. 50-68, 66-60. 61-34. 1-72. 80-27, 31-76. 21-56.

BOXING

Calzaghe loses his | Sanders is offered air of authority

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

super-middleweight champi-onship against Robin Reid, of Runcorn, at the TeleWest Are-na. Newcastle, but he lost his aura of invincibility. Calzaghe won by the narrowest of margins. The judges scored the contest 2-1 in the Welshman's favour, but their marks of 9-4, 9-4 to Calzaghe and 9-4 to Reid, were bizarre.

Had Reid not been penalised one point in the eighth round for a low blow on Saturhis title. Many experts at the ringside had Reid winning by a point Colin Jones, the former world welterweight contender, who was working for Welsh radio, made Reid the winner.

On this performance, Calzaghe can no longer be considered the best super-middleweight in the world. He

JOE CALZAGHE retained his blamed his showing on an injury sustained to his left hand in the fifth round. Since he has received other injuries and even undergone operations, the injury will reinforce concern for the future. His father, Enzo, who trains him, said: "He was only 80 per cent be-

cause of the injury." Frank Warren, the promoter, said that a rematch was in order, but the bout he wanted to put on was Calzaghe against Richie Woodhall, the World Boxing Council champiwhich would come first.

Woodhall retained his title against Vincenzo Nardiello, of Italy, stopping him in the sixth. The Telford man had been told by doctors to retire sooner rather than later because of an elbow injury, but he wants to hang on for a big pay day, which means a bout with Calzaghe.

BOWLS

A REMARKABLE finish, reminiscent of the way in which they won the Liberty of the national inter-county championship at Wellingbor-

turned up to put Griff Sanders. Devon's self-styled bad were disappointed.

Devon County Bowling Asso-

a second chance

By DAVID RHYS JONES

Trophy last April, gave Dur-ham an exciting 121-117 win over Devon in the semi-finals ough on Saturday. Television cameras had

boy of bowls, under the spotlight, but, if the programmemakers had hoped that he might do his famous John John Frisby, the secretary of the host chib, said: "Griff

couldn't have behaved better. He applauded the opposition's good bowls and he was the epitome of good sportsmanship throughout."

Sanders, barmed by the

ciation for ten years, had the implementation of the ban suspended for two years by an English Bowling Associa-tion (EBA) tribunal last month, so he is free to play outdoors - on probation, as it were -- until September,

The EBA tribunal, which kept Devon happy by uphoiding the ban, recommended also that, if he behaves himself for those two years, the ban should be lifted. He passed the test on Satur-

was effectively won and lost on the last end on his rink. when Chris Palmer's quartet claimed a count of five that turned a two-shot deficit into a three-shot advantage.

In the final at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, April is, Durham will Hampshire.

II SWIMMENG: Chen Hua, of China, defeated Claudia Poll, of Costa Rica, the world and Olympic champion, in both the 400 and 800 metres freestyle events in Glasgow over the weekend as the World Cup arrived in Europe (Craig Lord writes). Chen won the 400 metres in 4min 4.50sec, the eighth-fastest time in history. British successes included national records for Zoe Baker, of Sheffield, who swam 31.55sec in the 50 metres breaststroke, and Nicola Jackson, of Derwentside, who

finished third in the 50 metres butterflyin 27.50sec.

Hua defeats champion

ECYCLING: Dave Rand, the English road race champion in 1998, was disqualified from the Perfs Pedal Race in Hampshire, yesterday, by a police motorcycle outrider for alleged infringement of traffic regulations. "I had been warned earlier about my riding." Rand said, "but on unmarked stretches of road with no on-coming traffic. The policeman drew up alongside me and said, 'You're out of the race,' so I got off my bike."

3. Judo: Kate Howey, the world middleweight champion, from Andover, survived a damaged knee to win a bronze medal at the Tournoi de Paris on Saturday. In her first round bout against Youlia Semenova, of Russia, Howey collapsed on the edge of the mat, but, after treatment, resumed and won. In the fight for the bronze. Howey met Karine Rambault, of France, and dominated to reach the podium on a decision.

BOXING: Oscar de la Hoya, of the United States, beat lke Quartey, of Ghana, on points in Las Vegas on Saturday to retain his World Boxing Council welterweight crown. It was Quartey's first defeat in 36 bouts. "It was a very intimidating fight for me," De la Hoya, who is now unbeaten in 30 contests, said. Two judges went for De la Hoya, by margins of 116-112 and 116-113, while the third went for Quartey 115-114.

TATHLETICS: Gert Thys, of South Africa, ran the

second-fastest marathon in history yesterday. Thys. 27, clocked 2hr 6min 33sec to win the Tokyo Marathon. 28sec outside the world best that was recorded by Ronaldo da Costa. of Brazil, in Berlin last September. Thys finished Imin 32sec ahead of Hiroshi Miki, of Japan. **E SKUNG:** Zali Steggall gave Australia a first Alpine title on

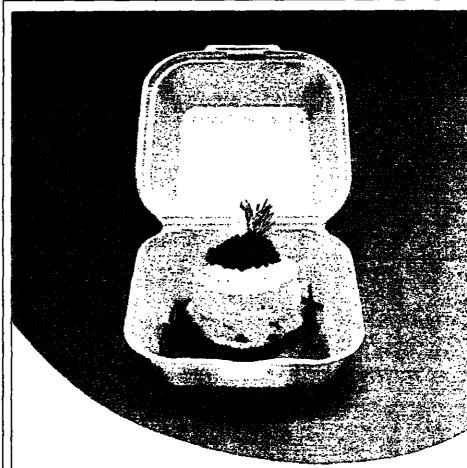
Saturday when she won the women's slalom at the world

championships in Vail, Colorado. Her winning time was

champion in 1996, finished second in Imin 34.77sec, while

lmin 33.97sec. Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden, the slalom

Trine Bakke, of Norway, was third. **E FOOTBALL:** Arsenal, the FA Women's Premier League leaders, drew 2-2 with visiting Doncaster Belles, their closest challengers, at Potters Bar yesterday, despite being reduced to ten players. Vicki Slee was dismissed for protesting against a penalty decision in the fifth minute, but her team were denied victory only by a second-half equaliser from Vicky Exley.



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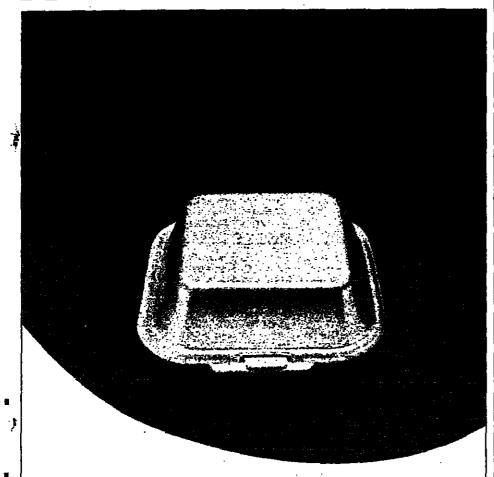
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CRICKET

Jaded England suffer their final indignity

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE (Australia won toss): Australia beat England by 162 runs

ENGLAND ended their fourmonth tour of Australia at the MCG on Saturday with a resounding defeat in the second of the finals of the triangular tournament, making a third game unnecessary as Australia had won in Sydney last Wednesday. It was the second-biggest

margin of defeat that England have suffered in 292 one-day internationals and a score of 110 was their fourth-lowest total. "As a team, we have not batted well enough," was Alec Stewart's view of their overall performance. Yet he thought still that they could do well in the World Cup.

Australia made 272 for five

from their 50 overs, with halfcenturies from Gilchrist. Lehmann and Martyn. In no time at all. England found themselves 13 for four, with Hick, Hussain and Fairbrother failing to contribute a run.

Stewart denied that the players were tired and, given that nine members of this party had arrived in Australia at Christmas, he had a point. But he would be less than human if he was not feeling sore. He has been here since October. playing as captain, opening batsman and wicketkeeper, and this is a big country. He has let nobody down.

Had England won in Sydney, as they should have done. there might have been a spring in their step on Saturday. As it was, they looked jaded. It did not help that Knight was run out in the second over and that Hick cut his second ball to third man. After that, it was a procession and the innings ended tellingly when Warne fooled Mullally with

his flipper, just to remind everybody that he is back. The England bowling stood up well, the fielding has, at times, been excellent, but teams win matches by making runs, or chasing them. Hick, named iointly with McGrath as man of the series, scored three hundreds, but England won only one of those games. They do not often bat confi-



Stewart: still optimistic

SCOREBOARD FROM MELBOURNE

- AUSTRALIA † A C Gilchrist c Knight b Croft
- 764 bals 6 fours)

 M E Waugh e Hick b Gough
 (12 bals)

- 6 P Julian 19 F Warne, A C Date and G D. WeiGram did not bat PALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Glichnst 9) 2-92 (Glichnic 49) 3-104 (Lehmann 9) 4-216 (Manyn 42) 5-244 (Law 13)

Score after 15 overs: 68 to 1

ENGLAND N V Knight run out (Pontag/Gilchnst) ...4 *† A J Stewart c Lee b Julian ... 32

(15 balls)
) Multally liber b Warne
(10 balls, 2 lease FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9 (Sewart 5), 2-10 (Slowart 6), 3-10 (Slowart 6), 4-13 (Slowart 9), 5-43 (Wells 7), 6-50 (Wells 7), 7-72 (Eatham 5), 8-88 (Croft 8), 9-100 (Croft 13)

Score after 15 overs: 51 or 6 Australia won by 162 rurs. Match award: D S Lehmann

E. Cornelled 5. Bei Fondall

SOWLING: McGrath 6-0-26-2 in tours one spelli Date 10-1-27-2 !! four one spelli Julian 6-2-18-2 into 3 2 fours 3-0-5-1 3-1 ; Waugh 4-0-23-0 /w1 : four one spelli Warme 5.5-0-16-3 !! four one spelli Warme 5.5-0-16-3 !! four

Series award: G A Hick and G D McGrath Outpires: D B Hai and D J Harper Third untpire: S J Devis Referee: P Livar, Ger Mewe (South Africa)

dently as a team. Knight made one fifty. Stewart none and. apart from Hick and Fairbrother, who batted well in three games, and Hussain. who got a 90, the rest have made twenties and thirties and that doesn't win you many games

Five of the first six batting places, however, are pretty se-cure. Stewart and Knight will open, Hick will bat at No 3 with Fairbrother at No 5 and Adam Hollioake below him, although Hollioake could do with a few runs in Sharjah.

Who occupies the important position of No 4 is unclear. David Graveney, the chair-man of selectors, said yesterday that Graham Thorpe, who returned home during the Test series with a back injury, was ready to return. "He has had extensive treatment under the supervision of Philip Bell. the England team doctor, and has made himself available to go to Sharjah. in early April."

England badly need a fit Thorne, for Hussain rarely gave the impression of being master of a one-day situation. Crawley batted limply in two important matches and Ben Hollioake has fallen from favour. England, who have lost six of their past seven one-day games, must regroup swiftly to justify Stewart's post-match hopes for the World Cup.

By contrast. Australia will start as second-favourites, behind South Africa. They have won their past seven one-day matches and can expect to add to that list in the Caribbean when they go there later this month. In the absence of Steve Waugh, Warne has captained the side with uncommon flair.

He ended up with three

wickets on Saturday, after Mc-Grath and Dale had again liaised to considerable effect. Dale, who gives the batsmen little to hit, could be a "trump card" in England, to borrow Warne's phrase. McGrath always takes some holding. He had fortune on his side here in winning an appeal for a catch at the wicket off Hussain. The batsman could be excused for taking a deep

breath before he departed. England need not despair. Few teams win one-day tournaments in other countries, as they know from their good form in the Texaco Trophy every May. But time is running out and some important matters await resolution.



Hansen showed her best form for a year, yet she could still finish no better than second at the BUPA Grand Prix in Birmingham yesterday. Photograph: Phil Cole/Allsport

ATHLETICS

Ethiopian's dramatic run enthrals **British crowd**

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

HOW nearly it all ended in huge anticlimax, but Haile Gebrselassie negotiated the hazards that stood before him on the final bend of the 5,000 metres in the BUPA Grand Prix yesterday to set his fif-teenth world record. It was a run as magnificent as it was

The meeting had stuttered from one failed African world record attempt to another by Daniel Komen and Maria Mutola — without success. It was lifted only by a succession of fine British perform-ances. Then, Gebrselassie stepped on to the track for the last event

Shouted on by a capacity crowd of 8,500, many of them his Ethiopian countrymen. Gebrselassie kept to world-record schedule going into the final lap, which he needed to cover in only 30sec, slower than his average speed for the previous 24 laps. All he needed was for the three tail-enders he was about to lap for the second time to step aside.

However, Miroslav Vanko, Reda Benzine and Jonah Kiptarus kept the inside line and Georselassie was forced wide into the third lane. Then, weaving his way in and out of the three, he managed somehow to avoid a clash of bodies and strode to a world record in 12min 50.38sec, beating Komen's world record by

The meeting could not have asked for a better start, a British record in the opening event by a local woman. Katharine Merry, Birming-ham resident and Birchfield Harrier, who went to the top of the year's world rankings in her first - and last - international race of the indoor season. Merry, 24, recorded 22.83sec to take 0.13sec off the record held for two years by Donna Fraser.

the record. In regaining it, she might have been tempted to abandon plans to go training in Australia and run in the world indoor championships in Maebashi, Japan, next month - but no. Intead, Merry remains single-minded about peaking for the outdoor

"I do not want to change my plans, even if I am the fastest in the world this year and

I have never been up there before," Merry said. Coached by Linford Chris-

tie. Merry has been persuaded to delay, by at least a season, her move up to 400 metres. Though she came close to breaking 5isec last season and won a European relay bled at the distance. She will do so again this year, concentrating on 200 metres.

"Last year was my first year with Linford and my first since 1993, when I had a full season," Merry said. "It might be next season i move up to 400, but it might be the season after that."

Merry shares a house in Birmingham with Ashia Hansen. Under the same roof as athletes yesterday. Hansen was as pleased as Merry. Showing her best form since setting a indoor triple jump world record last February. Hansen produced a lastround leap of 14.76 metres. Her world record still stands. at 15.16 metres.

Curiously, Hansen's mark

puts her at the head of the

world rankings for the year. shares the lead in the rankings with Sarka Kasparkova. the world indoor champion from the Czech Republic, after both women recorded 14.76 metres. However. Kasparkova took the victory with a superior second mark. Janine Whitlock improved her British pole vault record by a centimetre to 4.29 metres. While Whitlock flew through the air. Komen's world record attempt in the 2,000 metres failed to get off the ground. As Whitlock was clearing the bar, Komen was

struggling even to stay in touch with the leaders, let alone the record. In a race won by Laban Rotich, from Kenya, in 4min 56.09sec. more than 3sec outside the world record. Komen finished fourth.

In the second of three world record attempts, Maria Mutola. from Mozambique, was also unable to deliver. She won, but in 1min 58.25sec, almost 2sec outside her target.

World championship put to test

ship (ATC), which begins tomorrow, does not immediately strike as being the most important event in world cricket this winter, yet the success or otherwise of this tournament will have far wider implications for the structure of the game in the millennium than the result will hold for local pride.

When India and Pakistan meet in Calcutta, they open just the second triangular Test competition in history and the first since 1912. Later this month. Sri Lanka entertain In-dia before the Sri Lankans visit Pakistan in March. Uniqueis, points will be awarded not only for victory, but also for runs sorred and wickets taken in a format that mirrors the

Bowlers toil

for scant

rewards

WELLINGTON (second day

of three): Wellington Emerg-

ing Players, with six first-

innings wickets in hand, are

138 runs behind England

DEPLETED as they are by in-

jury and compassionate leave.

England Under-19 could have

done without this long, hot day

(John Stern writes). As Welling-

ton progressed to 282 for four

- in reply to England's 420 -

there was a weary look about

England in the field. Tim

Alldis, 19, an all-rounder from

Devon, was drafted in. He was

one of seven bowlers used on a

sapping day.
The four players who were

not fit for this game, including

Michael Gough, the captain.

should all be available for the

decisive third international

against New Zealand on

Thursday and Richard Logan

has returned after his moth-

er's funeral.

L nder-19

FROM RICHARD HOBSON IN CALCUTTA

Zimbabwe fall to

spin partnership

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS IN BULAWAYO

almost precisely. The top two countries will meet in the final in Dhaka,

Bangladesh, on March 12 to 16. It is hard not to see this as the initial step towards a world championship, particulariy ay Jagmohan Dalmiya. the ambitious and evangelical president of the International Cricket Council (ICC), is among the biggest supporters

Dalmiya recently described the ATC as a "pilot" and, at the very least, it might become a regular event in the sub-continent, swelling to four countries if and when Bangladesh receive full Test-playing sta-

BULAWAYO (final day of

five): England A heat Zimba-

ONCE again, it is to the A tour

that eyes must turn to witness

English success abroad. As

the senior team were enduring

their final capitulation in Mel-

bourne. England A were in the

process of completing an em-

phatic 193-run victory over

Zimbabwe A in the second in-

In ten years of A tours, only

one series has been lost, to

West Indies in 1991-92. The lat-

est instalment came when, giv-

en the entire final day to take

the remaining seven Zimba-

bwe A wickets, the match was

concluded in the last over be-

fore tea. Graeme Swann and

Dean Cosker each took four

wickets, wearing down a resist-

ance that extended to a stub-

born last-wicket partnership

ternational match here.

hwe A hr 193 runs

English county championship tus. With the ICC due to reopen discussions on a recognised Test championship soon

after the World Cup, however,

the events of the coming month will be scrutinised by all nine full members. In particular, they will wish to assess the level of interest in the final, the first Test match to be staged on neutral territory since Australia played South Africa in England 87 years ago. On the previous occasion. the organisers grossly over-estimated demand to watch foreign teams in direct opposition. Ridiculous as it now

seems, the failure of the 1912 ex-

periment - which was won by England, due largely to the

It was a final day not with-

two umpiring decisions went

firmly against them, the sec-

ond a freak dismissal when

Trevor Gripper pulled Cosker

on to Robert Key at short leg

only for Darren Maddy, at sil-

ly point, to catch the rebound.

hwe A captain, pointed to a

lack of experience at playing

the longer version of the game

for his side's performance, He

was impressed, nowever, with

the batting of Love and

Vaughan and singled out An-

drew Flintoff for his contribu-

"We thought he might suc-

cumb to a bit of pressure in the

first match in Harare, but he

reacted brilliantly to it." Whit-

tall said. "He obviously has

tion in both matches.

bundles of talent."

Andy Whittall, the Zimba-

bowling of Sydney Barnes even caused worry among ad-ministrators that the first World Cup would prove a similar flop some 63 years later. This time, the portents are more auspicious. Television here is still re-running high-lights—and there are many of the recent, thrilling series be rween India and Pakistan. while the feat of Anii Kumble in taking ten wickets in an innings in Deihi continues to feature prominently in the newspapers. Despite another highprofile security operation, which Indian authorities seem to relish the demand for tickets in Daimiya's home city of

Calcutta is likely to ensure crowds of around 70,000 each

South Africa humbled by Astle show

NATHAN ASTLE scored 95 to lead New Zealand to a three-wicket win over South home side were convinced that | Africa in the first of their sixmatch series of one-day internationals at Carisbrook in

Dunedin. New Zealand reached 215 for seven with five balls to spare after bowling out the visitors for 21i. Jacques Kallis scored 100 for South Africa. but their innings floundered with Geoff Allott claiming four for 35.

New Zealand slipped to 74 for four after 17 overs before Asile and Matthew Bell, who made 37, combined for a 90-run stand that put the side back on top.

The win was sourcd slightly by an injury to Chris Cairns, the ail-rounder, who tore a calf muscle as he set off for a sharp single. He limped down the pitch and was run out by a direct hit from Dale Benken-Scoreboards, page 34 | stein at cover.

Golmard collects first title as Kiefer capitulates

TENNIS

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN DUBAL

appears to be a dead ringer for

Andre Agassi. He sports a

similar hairstyle, a similar

goatee beard and has a wad-

dling walk in much the same

fashion as the former world

No I. And, like Agassi, he was

The only voices shouting for

Golmard were a group of off-duty ball boys, but they were interested only in a cheering

competition with the Kiefer

supporters. Last night, unfor-

runately, he also showed the

worst of Agassi's characteris-

tics, appearing to go through

the motions as the match

moved increasingly from his

grasp. He dropped his service for the first time in the fifth

came, a double fault giving

Golmard the lead, and never

looked likely to get back into

The only time that he held a

break point against the Gol-

mard service was when the

Frenchman was serving for

the first set. Not that it was

any cause for concern - Gol-

mard simply changed his tac-

ties, headed for the net and

That was more than enough

brushed aside the challenge.

to break Kiefer's spirit. His

service disintegrated as he

double-faulted his way to dis-

aster at the start of the second

set. Marching his aces with

double faults, he dropped his service again to go 5-2 down.

nonce the Frenchman. As Gul-

mard held three match points.

a voice yelled 'you've come

back before", encouragement that pushed Kiefer to wallop

his next return wide and give

Golmand the title.

Not even then did the crowd

the match.

the crowd's favourite.

WELL, at least it may make Tim Henman feel a little better - the man who beat him at the Dubai Open went on to win the title. Jerome Golmard, the world No 61, won his first career title last night by defeating Nicolas Kiefer 6-1, 6-2. carning himself a neat \$142,000 and, rather more importantly, breaking into the world's top 40 for the first

In the end, the final proved to be the easiest night's work against the lowest-ranked player that Golmard had faced all week. To get so far, he had to push past Karol Kucera. Henman and Carlos Moya. the world No 2

After that little group, Kiefer was a simple test. Helped by the fact that the German had worked a double shift yesterday, having to finish his raindelayed semi-final with Andrew Ilie at iunchume. Golmard was in control from the start.

At first glance, Kiefer



hard on his return

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

OLD Loughtonians, reinforced by Scott Smith, their Canadian centre forward, secured maximum points from two high-scoring National League premier division matches over the weekend. Smith scored two goals in a 6-5 away victory over Canterbury yesterday, adding to the three that he scored at home against East Grinstead, who were beaten 5-4 on Saturday.

Sean Kerly, the Canterbury manager, was disappointed but not despondent "We had the game in our hands and threw it away," he said. "After building a 3-1 lead, we started giving the ball away in the middle of the pitch and paid a

Kerly praised Triggs for some splendid goalkeeping. Triggs rescued Canterbury by saving a penalty stroke from Garrard in the first half of their away match on Saturday against Teddington, who held Canterbury to a 1-1 draw.

Cannock were restricted to a i-0 win over Beeston on Saturday, but they took over the leadership of the division afer a 3-1 away victory over Brooklands yesterday. Jennings scored his 200th

eague goal when he netted the second of his three goals for Guildford in a 7-1 home victory over Southgate on Saturday. However, Guildford were halted in their tracks yesterday by Hounslow, who picked up a valuable point at home in a 3-3 draw. Nurse scored all three Hounslow goals. Robinson hit the target twice for Reading, who drew 2-2 with Teddington, while Surbiton trounced Hampstead 8-0 to stay on top of the

HOCKEY

Smith hits Clifton dig deep for vital wins

By CATHY HARRIS

CLIFTON recovered from conceding two early goals to reach the quarter-finals of the EHA Cup when they defeated Ipswich in a sudden-death penalty shoot-out after the sides were level 2-2 at full time.

The result sealed a success ful weekend double for the Bristol-based Cup-holders, who also ended Ipswich's unbeaten run in the premier division on Saturday. Tammy Miller, the Clifton

captain, said that the team's league display was their best performance of the season. "It was important to know we can win crunch games and a great lesson for the younger players." she said. "We showed a lot of mental toughness to come back."

Shelly Pleasance, the left winger, gave Ipswich the perfect start with two deft strikes inside the opening 20 minutes. Sandie Lister, the captain. who hobbled off with a thigh strain in the second half, glanced on Kirsten Spencer's free hit for the first and Jo Ellis set up the second after a break down the right.

Lucy Newcombe reduced the deficit 12 minutes before the interval after a goalmouth scramble before Denise Marston-Smith brought the scores level in the 57th minute. After the first round of penalties finished level at 2-2. Marston-Smith made no mistake to put Clifton through.

Despite their league defeat.

Inswich stay on top of the table ahead of Slough, the champions, with Clifton and Hightown consolidating their positions in the top four play-off positions. Hightown and Slough also advanced to the quarter-fipichard pichard of wary of watacles ocome

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Allied Dunbar Premiership: Leicester leap sizeable hurdle and will not rest on their laurels

Richards wary of obstacles to come

London Irish.

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE will be no euphoria at Leicester after Saturday. If Dean Richards does not succeed in keeping feet firmly on the ground, the Five Nations Championship will do it for him because it will force the Allied Dunbar Premiership leaders to regroup and realign as players return from international duty in a month's time, when Leicester renew their march towards the title.

Richards, the team manager, will stress the difficulties that lie ahead, at Northamp-ton. Bath and Newcastle, and when Saracens visit Welford Road. He will reiterate the demands for self-discipline that he made at the start of the season, which must include, surely, a stern lecture to Austin Healey, whose casually flicked boot forced Kevin Putt off the field for treatment and, if spotted, might have earned the scrum half a red card.

Should London Irish choose to make more of the incident than Putt was inclined to, it could cost Healey his place in the England squad. Dick Best, the club's director of rugby, watched the video yesterday and will make an announcement today once he has spoken to Richards. Best is clearly unhappy at what occurred, but, deep down, Leicester will be hugging themselves for so significant a win against a Lon-don Irish team who have tak-

en the first division by storm. The Irish pride themselves

on their defence, but Leices-ter's tackle-count, well in excess of a hundred, was almost double that of the visitors and threw a blanket over the most potent attacking force that the Premiership has seen in the past three months. Twice the Irish pierced it,

both times through Brendan Venter, who might have had ten minutes in the sin-bin himself for a stiff arm thrown out as Craig Joiner came stepping inside him in the opening minutes. Venter, who has asked for a decision on his future by the end of this month, scored the visitors' only try, then watched his colleagues squander another that might have brought the Irish within a converted try of their opponents

and opened up the game.
"We understand people will
make us favourites for the title now, but we are taking noth-ing for granted." Richards said. He dismisses the sixpoint that lead Leicester have opened on Northampton, with seven matches remaining, but Best was more candid. "The title is in Leicester's hands," he said. "They have magnificent forwards and incisive backs. They did to us what we have done to so many others this season - put us under pressure and forced errors."

The Irish might have profited if their half backs had kicked more in the hope of winning territory; yet the failure of the fineout limited their ability to play the sidelines. In the absence of the injured Mal-colm O'Kelly, Leicester stole four Irish throws — the last led directly to a late try by Leon Lloyd — and turned as many



Healey, the Leicester scrum half, fields the ball on his own try line to prevent Woods from scoring at Welford Road

It was a wonderful exhibition of controlled forward play, backed by Joel Stransky's six penalty goals from six attempts, and the size of Leicester's task had eased by halftime as the Irish achieved the equivalent of rugby suicide — "mindless" in the eyes of Best - by straying offside in mid-field time and again.

Leicester probed thoughtfully, asking questions in the midfield, varying their ploys from lineouts, then springing the venomous David Lougheed on the Irish. The Canadian wing. from the blind side, brushed off Robert Todd and left Venter and Stephen Bachop in his wake as he cantered to his sixth try in his tenth Premiership appearance. Having run through Stran-

sky for the Irish try, Venter opened up the midfield, but

Bachop, of all people, ran his support into touch when a try loomed for the elusive Justin Bishop. It was the wake-up call that Leicester, cheered to the echo by a crowd of 14,500, needed; desperate defence by Bachop and Neal Hatley stopped Neil Back at the corner, the prelude to ten succes-

from which Leicester should have sewed up the match. It is testimony to the Irish tight forwards that they held out and eventually won a penalty, but the initiative had swung Leicester's way. Tim Stimpson, who needs these understated, though effective,

sive scrums on the Irish line.

Cardiff pay the price

BATH snatched Gareth Cooper, the Wales Under-21 scrum half, from under Cardiff's noses last summer and he showed on Saturday what the Welsh side missed with a brilliant opportunist try to put his side 25-10 ahead. Although Cardiff replied with three second-half tries, they were always behind and even-

Hill's plans ignored by Harlequins

tually went down to a 44-32 defeat, the heaviest in the Angle-Welsh series.

Bath, who had Matt Perry to thank for some pinpoint place-kicking, were quick to punish sloppy Cardiff defending, especially in the last quar-ter when both wings — Adebayo, with two, and Tindall — scored tries. England place, ran powerfully from full back and whenever a chink of light occurred for the Irish, the door was slammed swiftly shut by the home back row. Appropriately, a sublime pass by Back cut out two defenders and gave Lloyd an unopposed romp to the line, which ended matters in style.

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which ended matters in style.

SCORERS: Laicester: Tries: Loughed (40mm), Loyd (627, Pennshy goals: Strenshy 7 14, 7, 17, 23, 28, 40, 68). London Irish: Try: Venter (48). Conversion: Woods (8). SCORING SEQUENCE: Resease (18). SCORING SEQUENCE: Resease (18). 90, 6-0 6-3, 9-5, 12-3, 15-3, 20-3, 23-3 (sef-lame), 23-10, 26-10, 31-10.

LECESTER: T. Stringson, L. Lloyd, C. Joner (19). J. Stransky, A. Healey, G. Rowntree (19). D. Jelley, 63). R. Cockenii (19). D. West, 69). D. Garforth, M. Johnson, 69). N. Eack (19). W. Johnson, 69). N. Eack (19). W. Johnson, 69). N. Eack (19). R. Laide, 11-3, N. Hairley (19). M. Vornsky, 74). R. Kirte, R. Hardwick, frep. K. Fulfman, 63). R. Structwick, N. Harney, J. Boor, R. Gallocher, I. Feaumain.

Reference: G. Hughes (Manchester)

Diprose shines as distracted West lose way

West Hartlepool.....

BY DAVID HANDS

THE sight on Saturday of leading teams such as Wasps and Newcastle lapsing so badly may have acted as a spur to Saracens at Vicarage Road yesterday. At times, they looked nothing like a club preparing to rejoin the top three in the first division of the Allied Dunbar Premierate ship; at others, they ran lowly West Hartlepool ragged. West, like so many others, have commercial matters as close to their hearts as playing

All the talk last week was of the possible merger of their club with Newcastle, as a consequence of the proposed withdrawal of Cameron Hall Developments from the funding of the champions, but Andy Hindle, the West chairman, believes that any such moves are unlikely be-fore the end of the season.

For all that a business consortium, fronted by Paul Mackings, who represents West in English First-Division Rugby, is said to be one saving prospect, there will be no developments until the Newcastle Gosforth Shareholders' Association has decided what will happen to the 76 per cent shareholding of Cameron Hall "We can't do anything legally until that happens," Hindle said, "but there has to be some sense in a super club for the North

So far as West's playing staff are concerned, this is only the latest round of a season in which the playing struc-ture seemed likely to leave them behind before pay and staff cuts physically did leave

some West players behind.
"My philosophy is to wait and see," Philippe Farner, the West captain, said with admirably Gallic fatalism.

For a brief time, hope flick-ered in the lock's heart as his side recovered from a start in which Saracens scored a point a minute to take the lead through an interception try by Stephen John, which took West to a 14-13 lead.

Saracens' reaction was swift: Kyran Bracken scuttled through a midfield huddle to restore the advantage and Tony Diprose made sure there would be no way back for West by completing a splendid hat-trick. Amid a blitz of 38 penalty awards that stemmed much of the continuity, the creativity of Diprose shone like a beacon and made up for the gap since his previous league try last October.

Once Saracens secured clean possession, they were allowed too much space Ryan Constable carved through the middle to send Rob Thirlby to the line and, although a well-worked loop by Tu Nu'uzli' itia sent Pita Tanginoa, the Tongan centre, over by the posts, Saracens were out of range.

Diprose crossed for his third try after a tapped penalty and Saracens closed in a blaze of glory as Emmett Farrell, the West full back was carried off with damaged knee ligaments: Brendon Daniel came sprinting out of his own half, bounced out of two tackles and sent Danny Grewcock over the line deep into injury-time.

into injury-time.

SCORERS: Saracens: Tries: Persaul (3min), Dorose 3 (7, 54, 70), Bracken (39). Parity (57), Grewcock (87) Conversions: Johnson 4, Thriby Pensity goeld Johnson (13) West Hartispool Tries: John (38), Tangnoa (51) Conversion: Vie Pensity goels: Vie 5 (26, 31, 36, 66, 71).

SCORTING SEGUENCE (Seracens: first): 50, 10-0, 13-0, 13-3, 13-8, 13-9, 13-14, 20-14 (hell-time), 27-14, 34-14, 34-21, 34-24, 41-24, 41-27, 48-27.

SARACEPIS: G Johnson (nep M Singer, 72); R Thirtiny, R Consider, P Walson: P Johns, D Grewcock, F Plensar repr. Hill. Sp. R Hill frep: P Opinia, SS, A Diprose WEST MARTILEPOOL: E Farrell (rep. A Handley, 80); Berson, J Connobly, P Tangnon, S, Johns, SW, B (19); P Tangnon, S, Johns, SW, P Parmer, M Glachert, M Salter, J Portton, M Brewett.

Reteree: I Ramage (Scotland).

Bedford bury the demons

Bedford. Wasps..

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By MICHAEL AYLWIN

YET more evidence of the fluctuating nature of the Allied Dunbar Premiership was forthcoming at Goldington Road on Saturday. Having just inflicted a record defeat on Bath, Wasps were beaten by Bedford, who had not won a league game since October 10 and were beaten by Bath only three weeks ago.

It has been growing increasingly painful this season to watch Bedford play with such spirit and adventure, yet per-sistently fall short of a win. On Saturday, their season con-tinued in the same vein on the first count, but, on this occasion, they finally managed to clinch the two points. One feared the worst for

them as the clock ticked into the ninth minute of injury time and Wasps were awarded a string of penalties. Bedford, however, succeeded in consummating their lead, which they had established in the fiftieth minute, with victory. The game hung in the balance until the very end, but Bedford were due a change in fortune.

Wasps held the advantage at half-time, but another sparkling Bedford try from Stewart and a drop goal from Howard in the third quarter forced Wasps into catch-up mode. King had the chance to win the game for Wasps with a late 35-metre penalty goal, but, with the boos of a 3,440 crowd ringing in his ears, the young fly half pushed his kick

"Today, we're smiling." Rudi Straeuli, the Bedford coach, said. "It's important to remember the joy of winning. I think I'd forgotten how it

SCORERS: Bedford: Tries: Ficherds (5mm), Underwood (26), Stewen (50) Con-versions: Howard 2. Pensity goal: Howard (66) Dropped goal: Howard (65). Wasgs: Tries: Recd (2), King (29), Dalagi-0 (77), Conversion: King, Pensity goals: O IT). Conversion: King. Penning global King 2 17, 63)
SCORUNG SEQUENCE (Bodford first): 0.5, 7.5, 7.8, 12-8, 12-15, 12-16 mill-time), 19-15, 22-18, 22-18, 25-23.
SEDFORD: S Stewert, R Underwood, A Murdoch, D Harris, D O'Mahony, 8 Howard, R Elicit. C Boyd, J Richards, V Hartland (rep. A Ozdernik, 40mm), D Zalizman, 1000-R Winters, 11), S Marray, J Cocke, J Forster (sin-bin, 75-85), J Paramore (sin-bin, 75-85), J Paramo Forsiter (Sri-Din, 75-Da), or Tradition, 87).
WASPS: J Lewsey, P Sampson, F Waters, M Denney, (rep. R Handerson, 50), S Scient (rep. M Finday, 70), A King, M Wlood: D Moboy, T Leola, W Green, M Weadon frep. S Shaw, 58), A Reed, L Dellagillo, P Wolley (Sri-Din, 75-85), P Scinnener (rep. J Worsley, 57).
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Gloucester..... BY MARK SOUSTER

RICHARD HILL wants more time. Whether his wish will be granted, only Torn Walkinshaw knows. After their ninth consecutive defeat by Harlequins, whom they meet again in the quarter-finals of the Tetley's Bitter Cup at the end of the month, Hill, the Gloucester director of rugby, realises

that time may not be on his side. If Hill could wave a magic wand, Gloucester would be a team bursting with England talent, competing at the top end of the Allied Dunbar Phil Larder, England's defence guru,

Premiership. Although he is adamant will be called in as soon as possible. got France out of his system with a virtual Walkinshaw, the owner, shares The quality of passing among the three-tuoso performance, masterminding the that pressure to achieve results is immense.

Hill has outlined his dream in a fiveyear plan with which, he says, Walkinshaw had concurred. It paints a stark picture of an apocalyptic meltdown in the English game this summer, from which only the well-managed and well-resourced clubs will survive as professional entities. He expects Gloucester to be among them.

Hill's problems at the moment are fairly basic and reflect on him as much as the players. The defensive alignment was shocking, so much so that

possession painfully slow at times. Only Trevor Woodman and Steve Ojomoh looked convincing.

Harlequins could afford to give Gloucester a ten-point start through a Mapletoft penalty and a neatly executed try by Beim. They were also able toconce a contentious penalty try and the bulk of possession, but still run out more than comfortable winners. This, despite the loss, after only three minutes, of Thierry Lacroix, with a torn hamstring, in his comeback game after

recovering from concussion. As always, Keith Wood led by example. The indefatigible Ireland hooker and saw Gareth Llewellyn gallop in from 30 metres for his side's final try.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Bern (10min), penalty by (37) Conversions: Mapletoff 2 Penalty geals: Mepletoff 2 16, 63). Hardequins: Tries: O'Leay (30). Might (43), Develop (65). Conversions: Schuster 2 Penalty geals: Schuster 4 (15, 19, 46, 73). SCORING SEQUENCE (Gloucester first): 3-0, 10-0, 10-3, 10-6, 10-13, 17-13 (half-time), 17-20, 17-23, 20-23, 20-28, 20-31.

10-3 10-6, 10-13, 17-13 (half-time), 17-20, 17-23, 20-23, 20-28, 20-31
GLOUCESTER: A Lumsden: T Berm, S Mannis, R Tombs, P Santi-Andre (rep: R Greenslade-Jones, 75mm), M Mapletoni (rep. Greenslade-Jones, 19-29), S Berson, T Woodman, N McCarthy, A Powles (rep: D Hniurs, 49), R Feder, D Sms (rep. M Comwell, 60), E Pearce (rep. A Hazel 70), N Carter, S Ojomoh HARLEQUINS: O O'Leary (rep. V Gong, 80), J Keyler, P Mensah, J Schuster, D Officer, T Lacrotic (rep. C Wingit, 3), H Harnes, J Leonard, K Wood, G Halpon (rep. A Yates, 80), G Llewelyn, T Collier, W Davison, R Jeniurs (rep. C Sheazby, 75), A Leach Referee: D Mené (France).



Bracken sprints clear on his way to scoring Saracens third try yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Soaring Swansea

Scottish refuse to perform in exile

London Scottish... Newcastle Falcons.....17

By MARK BALDWIN

MIRACLE is hardly too strong a word for it. London Scottish, facing a Bristol buyout, existing on borrowed money, borrowed time and with negligible home support, continue to grow stronger the longer that this arduous Allied Dunbar Premiership season goes on. John Steele, the Exiles' direc-

tor of rugby, spoke of his re-spect for "the dignity and con-centration" of his players after another big scalp was taken on Saturday. Newcastle, themselves suddenly riven by the uncertainties that churn the crazy world of English club rugby, went the way of Bath, Saracens and Gloucester as Scottish reaffirmed their seemingly unquenchable spirit. Scottish, with five wins from their past nine league and cup matches, scored four tries before Newcastle could reply.

Jannie de Beer, their gifted

South African fly half and the game's outstanding player, said: "We all want to play for London Scottish in the Premiership next season. I feel for a lot of the guys who have been here a long time and are worried about the future. The best way forward is to prove

we belong in the top league." Newcastle, the fallen cham-pions and the subject of unsetthing takeover and merger speculation since Sir John Hall pulled out his financial backing, may now absorb the Scottish approach to life.

SCORERS: London Scottlett: Tries: Fern (17mm), Johnstone (23), Easterby (81), Hol-mes (67), Conversions: Da Beer 2, Penni-ty goat: De Beer (43), Newcastle: Tries: Shaw (70), Legg (75) Conversions: Wilan-con 2, Penetty goat: Wildrison (14). SCORING SECUENCE (London Scotish first): 0-3, 6-3, 12-3, 15-3 (half-time), 20-3, 27-3, 27-10, 27-17

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McAusland, 77mml, J de Beer, G Easterby,
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Rudhem (rep: D Cummins 3-7, 49), P Burnetl, E Jones, M Weston (rep. M McAbarmney, 41), S Fenn (rep. 1 Davies, 20-25), S
Holmes, R Hunter (rep: Davies, 49),
McMatter (rep: Davies, 49),
McMat Homes, Hribars yeer, Lewis, 491.

NEWCASTLE: P Massey (rep: \$1.egg, 70).

T Underwood, M Shew, R Andrew, Y Lugareals; J Wildonson, G Armstrong, G Graham, R Needale, M Hutter, H Wwyan, G Archer, S C'Neill (sin-bin, 27-37), J Carlmell (rep. R Amold, 70), R Beatile
Reference C Rees (London)

on Richmond injury woe Richmond..

BY ALAN PEAREY

GRAHAM HENRY, the Wales coach, had hoped to see Craig Quinnell put througyh his paces yesterday, ahead of the international against Ireland on Saturday. Instead, Quinnell failed to start and Henry's troubles were compounded by the loss of Allan teman, the Wales centre, who hobbled off after 40 minutes with a pulled hamstring.
In a week that had seen Richmond docked two points and a wasted trip to Newcastle, they at last profited from some good fortune. Sale were pressing hard at the close, but Shane Howarth's knock-on

was extended to a club-record seven matches. It was hard to believe that Sale arrived at the Madejski Stadium on the back of such wretched form, at least on the evidence of the first 20 min-

Ilkeston eye Twickenham

was one error too far and the

Lancastrians' losing sequence

utes. But for poor finishing. Then a try by Barrie-Jon they could have been out of sight. After a try by Steve Hanley, Kevin Ellis darted for the line, ignoring a three-man overlap, then Jim Mallinder, the full back, could not hold the ball with the line at his mercy. Mailinder's dismay was alleviated when Howarth

Sale unable to capitalise

scored under the posts.

Just before half-time, Agus tin Pichot put Richmond within a point with a marvellous solo try, gathering his own



Mather, straight after half-time, proved a false portent. Sale, suddenly conceding penalties at an alarming rate, allowed Va'a to kick Richmond level and then their opponents to enjoy a one-man advantage as Chris Murphy, the lock, was sent to the sin-bin. The broken play that followed suited Rich-

chip over a startled defence.

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Pictot (40mm). Clarke (53). Brown (55). Conver-sions: Va'a Penalty goals: Va'a 4 (3, 34, 46, 49). Sale: Tries: Hariky 2 (14, 77). Howarth (24), Mather (42). Conversions: Howarth (24), Manner (42) Conversaones-Howarth 2 EQUENCE (Richmond Inst). 3-0. 3-5, 3-12, 6-12, 11-12 (half-time). 11-17, 14-17, 17-17, 22-17, 29-17, 29-24 RICHMONDE L Best, N Walne (repr. M Frin, 51min), A Balleman Inrep M Doon, 40), M Deene, S Brown, E Va'ra, A Pichot; D McFar-land, B Wilherms, M Fitzportald (rep G Pow-ell, 4, rep: A Cuthbert, 68), A Shendan, C Gil-les, B Carke, A Vandor, L Cabarones SALE: J Mclimder, D Roes, J Basendell, B-J Mather (rep. C Vates, 741 S Hanley, S Howarth, K Elis (rep. K Smith, 74) D Bell, P Greening, D Theron, S Ratwallu, C Murphy (sur-bin, 5-60), P Anglesses, A Sanderson, D Cumreagain Reference; S Piercy (Yorkshire)

mond and Ben Clarke and Spencer Brown capitalised with tries just past the hour, leaving John Mitchell, the Sale director of rugby, in reflective mood. "We weren't beaten by a better side," Mitchell said. "We

are lifting Welsh rugby to a level that no one can match. That their ground is in such grand playing condition does help. While other pitches have been reduced, because of rain and snow, to something resembling agriculture usage, St Helen's is almost pristine in its greenness. John Plumtree, the Swansea

to entertain.

coach, is raising his sights beyond the immediate quality of his opponents. Beating the opposition is not the only measurement. He sets his own standards and assesses the possibilities that the game affords for his players to fulfil their personal capabilities. Swansea may still be a long way off from that which Phimtree wishes, but the club is on the right path.

Northampton.....24

By GERALD DAVIES

SWANSEA are playing won-

derful rugby at present. They

are beginning to attain the elu-

sive convergence that brings to-

gether the practical matter of

winning matches while at the

same time satisfying the desire

The quality of their passing

gave not only an exciting

rhythm to this match but ren-

dered an enticing promise of the potential of the Swansea

team. On recent evidence, they

For some curious reason. they did not keep their feet on the throttle here. Admittedly. Northampton were shorn of their international players, just as Swansea were short of a couple of their own, but, for the most part the English could not live with the home team. There were individual

hit new heights sorties from Sleightholme or Thorneycroft, or the forwards might shift the maul for many a yard, but the slickness and adventure belonged to the more inventive Swansea side. They attacked from all corners, especially when Weatherley was in possession before re-

tiring with an injury. The first three tries scored in the opening 12 minutes were the result of first-time passing and support. A high score seemed likely, but, just when Swansea looked set to dominate, Malone took a tap penalty to score a try. This stopped Swansea in their tracks and it took them a while to recapture their rhythm, but, even then, it was only in fits and starts.

Arwel Thomas is a marvellous orchestrator at fly half. He normally delays his pass until the last moment, but on Saturday he benefited by going a step further, not passing at all and so taking the space that opened up for him. He scored 23 points, is in fine form and becoming increasingly influential at a club that once had doubts about him. SCORERS: Swanter: Tries: Wealhartey

(3mm, 22) Thomas 2 (10, 46) Ress (13), Taylor 2 (36, 79). Loader (41), S Davies (51) Conversions: Thomas 5, Penalty good Thomas (19) Northamptor: Tries: Malone (17), Philips: 149), Bramhall (76). Conversions: A Hepter 3, Penalty good: Hepher (40)

(40) SCORING SEQUENCE (Swansea first): 5-0, 12-0, 17-0, 17-7, 20-7, 27-7, 34-7, 34-10 (half-time): 41-10, 48-10, 48-17, 53-17, 53-24, 58-24

SWAMSÉA: D Weatherley (rep: M Back, 29mm), R Rees, M Taylor, A Clement (rep: C van Rensberg, 44), S Davies; A Thomas (rep: L Davies, 62), R Jones; C Loader, G Jeriluns (rep. C Wells, 50), C Anthony (rep: D Morta, 55), P Amold, A Moore (rep: J Griffins, 68), P Mortany, R Appleyand, L Jones (rep. J Baker, 67)

IRBJ. J. Baker. 67)
NORTHAMPTON: R. Jackson, H. Thomey-croft, A. Morthey, M. Tucker, J. Steightholme, A. Hepher, D. Melone (rep: J. Bramhall, 89). M. Votland, C. Johnson (rep: S. Walker, 86), M. Stewart, J. Philips, S. Hepher (rep. A. New-man, 68), D. Mackumon (rep. A. Comeh, 40), C. Allan, S. Foele. eres: P Bottand (Newport)

likeston Driffield..

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

THE "craic" at The Stute for this NPI Cup quarter-final on Saturday was as good as it gets in junior-club rugby; to most spectators' delight, Ilkeston's performance matched it.

Elk's Head Bitter, "brewed exclusively for llkeston RUFC" by Castle Rock Brewery at nearby Nottingham, at a mere £1.30 a pint, no doubt

enlivened the atmosphere and the resultant banter in the crowd was a match for the best, but it was on the field that likeston, from Midlands Il East, were to be judged and. to everyone's satisfaction, they

heartedly. For Driffield, who beat the then unbeaten Northern in the fifth round, their margin of defeat was flattering. With

proved themselves whole-

quite justifiably, read 42-3 and Driffield, who play their league rugby in North II, a level higher than Ilkeston's, could claim only three excursions to their opponents' 22. That they scored from one of these, with a penalty goal

on the stroke of half-time, did

them no favours. Ilkeston in-

creased even further the tem-

po that had seen them domi-

five minutes to play, the score, nate the first half and did not take their feet off the throttle until they had added three converted tries, a penalty goal and a dropped goal — from an attack that began in their own

> It is difficult to pinpoint an outstanding likeston player. but, should they reach Twickenham on April 17 — and the smart money surely says that they will - Scott Rudkin, at

outside centre, will illuminate anybody's day. A tackle early on by Kevin Dove, their blindside flanker, and his try at the start of the second half made him a man to watch, while Wayne Bell, at full back and, like Rudkin, a New Zealander. also appeared to be worthy of a higher stage.

Of a Higher Stage.

SCORERS: Bixeston: Tries: E Hallam (28mm), A Chapman (31), K Dove (51) W Sell (56) S Rution (70) Conversions: Bell 4 Penalty goals: Bell 2 (4, 49). Dropped goals: Bell (62). Drifflett: Tries: S Famsworth (75), W Ollett (77). Conversion: J Iveson. Penalty goals: Neston (40). SCORING SEQUENCE (Bission first) 3-0, 8-0, 15-0, 15-3 (hall-time), 18-3, 25-3, 22-3, 35-3, 42-3, 42-10, 42-15.

Castleford rekindle Wembley dreams

Castleford Tigers.

BY MARTIN RICHARDS

CASTLEFORD'S Wembley ambitions, rudely shattered by Shelfield Eagles, the eventual winners, last season, after wins over Leeds Rhinos and Bradford Bulls, are flowering again. Their splendidly ambitious half-back pair of Danny Orr and Brad Davis ruled the roost in a seven-try passage into the fifth round where they will meet York of the first division, at home.

The Tigers had to take the field without three of their new forward signings, but they still had too much ammunition for Hull, who have now failed to beat Castleford in II of their past 12 meetings. Orr. 20, the stand-off half.

engineered two tries for Dayis, one for Richard Gay and was in support to take a pass from Aaron Raper for a try of his own in a glittering per-formance that rightly carned him the man-of-the-match award.

The pace of the game claimed a victim in Robert Connolly, the referee, who had to retire with an ankle injury after 18 minutes, to be replaced by David Ansell, the reserve official.

Davis, the scrum half, was similarly influential alongside Orr. with his astute tactical kicking always a threat. He was involved in the best try of the game, when he exchanged passes with Jason Flowers over 70 metres, before the full back went over the line. Flowers swooped in for the final Castleford try with ten minutes remaining. courtesy of a pass from Francis Maloney.

Hull contributed greatly to an entertaining tie, with Sieve Prescott, the full back, picking up 14 of their points with two tries and three goals.

ASTLEFORD TIGERS: J Florent

HULL SHARKS: 3 Firesout 10 Painton Caleree, Aliforniolly Wildon

Silk Cut Challenge Cup: McDermott's dismissal fails to spark Wigan

Leeds proceed thanks to super 12

Leeds Rhinos.... Wigan Warriors.

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT IS a theory that goes on being confounded. Twelve players cannot, surely, beat 13, given the ferocity of the modern game? Twice in three years now. Wigan Warriors have lost at the fourth-round stage of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup to opponents handicapped by dismissals but who rose magnificently to the occasion.

St Helens managed it when they had Bobbie Goulding sent off just before half-time and went on to heat Wigan 26-12. Leeds Rhinos looked to have less of a chance vesterday when Barrie McDermott, no stranger to the disciplinary committee, was dismissed for a desperate high challenge on Haughton after 20 minutes.

Not only did Leeds hang on. they romped home with some thing to sourc, to Wigan's lasting embarrassment. While Me-Dermott was cursing his lack thing crossed in the dressing room, his colleagues turned in a wholehearted performance yesterday that will live long in the memory at Headingley.

lestyn Harris did not miss a place kick, nor Anthony Farrell a tackle. Ryan Sherdian buzzed at scrum half and claimed the last of four tries to supplement his deserved manof-the-match award. After seeing his side narrowly beaten by Wigan in the JJB Super

Saltord Reds 16

Sheffield Eagles 6

By Christopher Irvine



Johnson is helpless to prevent Rivett, left, running in the second try for Leeds Rhinos at Headingley yesterday

League Grand Final last October, Graham Murray basked

in an unlikely triumph. "It's the proudest I've been with a team," the Leeds coach said. "Everyone might have said with 12 men that we were entitled to get beat. Wigan are a champion side, but we hung in there and showed charac-

It was 31 years since Leeds last eliminated Wigan on route to winning the cup in 1968. Just as St Helens did in 1997, there is no reason to rhat Leeds cannot think progress to Wempley in May and end their 21-year drought. Wigan hardly lacked chances. Had Reber, fresh from Aus-

tralia and ill-at-ease thrust

into such a full-blooded encounter, not dropped a pass in a counter-attack with three players outside him. Wigan. then 13-12 down, would have led, "In my experience with Wigan, the finishing is usually clinical. When we had things on today, we came up with a lot of dropped ball." John Monie, the Wigan coach, said.

The irony was that McDermon had rarely exercised such authority than he did in the opening quarter, including a lovely pass in the build-up to Godden's opening try, when he lunged at Haughton. The head of the Wigan forward rocked backwards and there was no question about the dismissal. nor of the Rhines' continued

commitment to the cause, however desperate the situation.

Sensibly, Harris dropped a goal to nudge them further in front and Leeds were quick to apply pressure when Cowie knocked on. Rivett took a long pass by Powell and neatly rounded Paul Johnson. Towards the break, though, numbers were catching up with Leeds as Florimo, growing in stature at stand-off half on his Wigan debut, set in motion a further score by Radlinski.

If Wigan thought that Leeds would crack in the second period, they were sadly mistaken. Sheridan added another dropped goal. Harris a penal-ty and the more ball that Wigan fumbled, the more Leeds grew in confidence.

The decisive try arrived in the 68th minute. After Harris and Hay had been halted, St Hilaire exploited an opening by the posts. The numbers vere evened when Andy Farrell questioned St Hilaire's score and was ordered to the sin-bin. A try by Sherdan fol-lowed a superb break by Godden. Robinson scored late on. but Wigan supporters were by then cancelling their trips to London this year.

SCORERS: Leeds Rhitoes: Tries: God-den, Rwott. St. Hitare, Shendan Goels: Har-ns (5) Dropped goals: Harns, Shendan. Wilgen Warriors: Tries: Haupthon, Radin-sio, Robinson Goals: Farrell (2), Flormo. LEEDS RHINOS: I Harris L Rvett, R Black-more, B Gooden, F Curritaris, D Powel, R Sheridan, D Fleary, T Newton, B McDer-mott, A Morley, Anthony Famel, M Gkahville WIGAN WARRIORS: K Radinski, J Robin-son, D Moore, G Cornolly, P Johnson: G Florimo, M Reber, T O'Connor, M Cassidy, T Meslov, L Gilmour, S Haughton, Andy Far-

Leeds's reward for beating

Wigan yesterday was a home

tie in the fifth round against

St Helens, the 1995 and 1996

winners. St Helens are now coached by Ellery Hanley, the former player-coach at Head-

Warrington Wolves have a

home clash with Halifax, cour-

tesy of a resounding 50-6 win

over Featherstone Rovers at

Wilderspool.
PETH-ROUND DRAW: Leeds v St Helens:
Widnes v Leigh; Hulf KR v London: Castle-lard v York, Walefeld v Bradford; Hudders-

D Ties to be played on February 27/28

Bradford gain from

St Helens unable to flatter in victory

Hunsiet Hawks..

St Helens..

By David Lawrenson

ST HELENS moved into the fifth round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup by a comfortable margin, but they were made to fight much harder for victory than the scoreline suggests. Hunslet matched them in every department for the first 50 minutes, but the parttimers faded in the second balf when \$t Helens took full advantage of their superior

strength and fitness. The visitors began brightly, with Sean Long using his pace to score from 20 metres after three minutes. Anthony Stewart, their teenaged centre, ¿ added a second four minutes later and, with Long kicking the conversion, it looked ominous for Hunslet. Yet they responded with a fine try when Butch Fatnowna, the wing, collected the ball on the halfway line and exploited some poor St Helens defending to score in the corner.

Midway through the half Stewart collected his second try after good work from Sonny Nickle, but the Hawks re-fused to be overwhelmed by their JJB Super League opponents. Two penalties by Fletcher reduced the deficit to just four points at half-time and Hunslet must have been secretly harbouring thoughts of pulling off an upset.

Those thoughts were blown away by two tries in three minutes for Paul Sculthorpe and Paul Davidson to give St Helens a 28-10 lead going into the three further tries to put a little gloss on the performance, but Ellery Hanley, in charge of his first competitive game for the club, will know that there is plenty of work to do if his team are to challenge for any of the big prizes this sea-

Gregory makes winning return

THE team is not the only change at the Willows, Andy Gregory, the Salford Reds coach, is back to his irrepressi-

ble best. Gregory returned to the touchline after being banned last season, relaxed and with his match programme no longer pulped by constant bashing against the dugout. Indeed, he kept his distance and permitted himself a quiet smile as Salford reversed their semi-final defeat in 1998 by Sheffield Eagles.

I've never felt better in my

tive," Gregory said, "We've a cracking set of lads who, if they continue working hard.

can only go in the right With the deadwood removed. Gregory has bought well over the winter. In two Australians - Hudson Smith and the skilful Darren Brown -- Salford have a second-row combination capable of unsettling any opponents.

The hope expressed by John

Rear that his Sheffield side life. Talk at the club is all posi- had made a dignified exit was sin-bin.

not born out after Martin was presented with a yawning gap for the second Salford try after Senior had failed to intercept a

long pass by Brown.
When the Rugby Football League (RFL: executive committee studies the video today of a far from deliberate followthrough by Watson on Broadbent, it should find no case to answer. Far worse was a spiteful challenge on the Salford full back by Turner, who was fortunate only to be sent to the

sin-bin, alongside Highton for fighting. Sheffield ended the match with II players, after an encouraging start had seen So-vaiabua set Senior up for a splendid try. Perversely, Salford got themselves going when short-handed by the temporary dismissal of Hulme. and the immense tackling of Alker and Baynes contributed to their impressive overall per-

With Laughton also in the

FORMANCE, School Reds: Tries: Smoth Marin Goalet: Blak-viev (4) Sheffleld Eagles: Type School Goal: Action SALPORD REDS: G Broudbort: 5 Marin, B Thomason, G Caser, P Cange, S Blake-by, U Compton N Baytes, M Alker, P Skidsen H Smith D Brown, D Hustre Substitutes: P Horiton, J Faarmus

D Wassen Referee: J Connoty (Migan)

temper tantrum BRADFORD Bulls chalked up a club record 92-0 win against Workington to reach the last 16 of the Silk Cut Chal-

lenge Cup yesterday, where they face a trip to Wakefield Trinity.

The Cumbrian side were already trailing 14-0 by the time that Barry Williams was sent off, after 18 minutes, for allegedly kicking out at Robbie Paul, the Bradford captain.

A hopeless task then became impossible and the and scored 17 tries.

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

NHEEHAN on BRIDGE

In auctions in which a siam is being investigated, it is correct to make a forward move if you can tell the slam might be laydown. But if it is clear that it can be on a finesse at best, then you put the brakes on as quickly as possible. This example is from the quarter-finals of the 1998 Gold Cup. I was North. playing with Nick Sandqvist.

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Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: jack of diamond:

(l) The spade suit is thin for a force in the modern style; however, there would be liftle wrong in responding Two Spades and rebudding Phree No-Trumps on the next (2) "Fourth suit forcing" - we

play it forcing to game: another style is to play that North can pass a response at the two level, in this case Two Hearts. Two Spades or Two No-Trumps. (3) Unlimited, showing a dia-

mond stopper (5) Clearly on his sub-minimum hand he doesn't want to make any slam moves. (6) For a slam to be a reason-

able chance I need South to

hold at least KQvec of hearts.

king of diamonds and ace of clubs. With a hand as good as that, he would cue-bid Four Clubs over Three Hearts. Hence, even though he is likely to have good hearts (he would sign off in Three No-Trumps with poor heartsi, it is clear he cunnot have enough to make slambetter than a finesse. Hence it is correct to pass on the North hand at this point.

For once an accurate sequence was rewarded - at the other table our opponents got to Five Hearts and went one off when declarer misguessed the clubs.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

EENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The Latvian grandmaster Alexei

Shirov's complaint

Shirov (now resident in Spain) qualified to contest a world championship match against Garry Kasparov last year by defeating Vladimir Kramnik in a match held in Cazorle, Spain. This contest was held under the auspices of the so-called World Chess Council, an essentially Spanish grouping. After a seri-ous accident the leading light of the WCC. Senor Luis Rentero. was unable to raise the funding for Shirov's challenge to Kasparov and the match has ap-

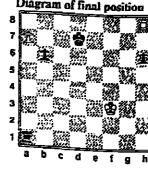
parently fallen through. In a recent statement Shirov complains that an alternative offer from California, with a total prize fund of \$600,000, was felt by him to be inadequate for a world title contest. Unfortunately for Shirov, his personal record against Kasparov is so poor that very large offers are unlikely to come through. The California bid has now been withdrawn and Shirov's performance at the Wijk aan Zee contest in January, though respectable, was hardly encouraging from the point of view of a potential world championship challenger. Here is a recent win by Shirov

against a leading rival from the European Club Cup. White: Alexei Shirov

Black: Vladimir Kramnik Belgrade 1999 Petroff Defence

Qc5 Nxe4 Be3 Qo4 Rac1 Rc2 Rd2 Bxd2 QXI7 + B4 KI2 h4 Ke3 Ke4 C4 Rc1 ke4 kr3

Diagram of final position



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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c. A carpentry joint URSINE a. A hedgehog b. Bearish

e. An order of nurs

a. A straw hat A grain

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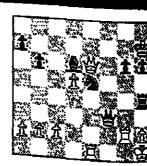
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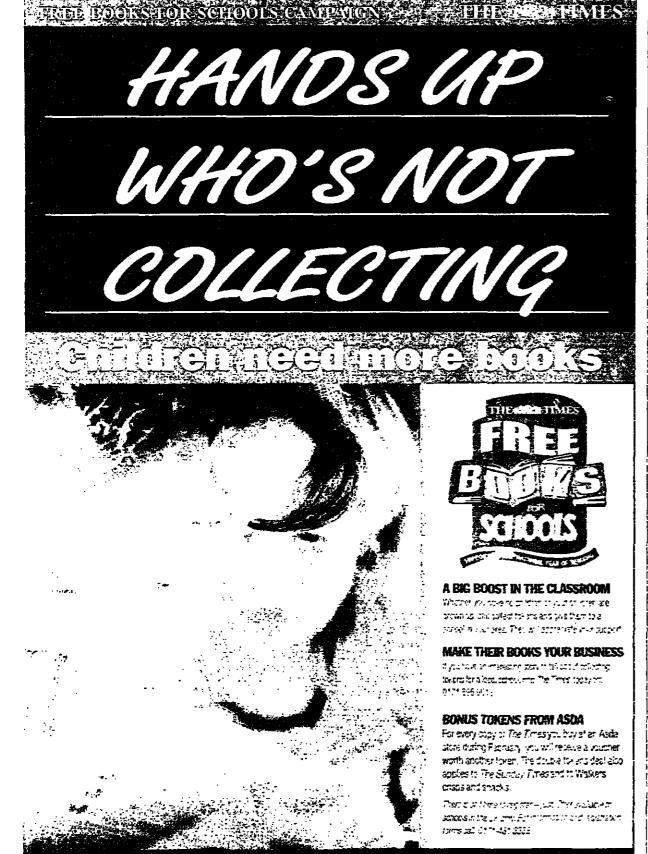
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Carlier -Winants, Belgium 1998. How did Black execute a decisive breakthrough before White had the chance to activate his





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Schumacher — genius or cheat?

He was the first in modern era

to pay such attention to detail

owever much controversy hangs around Michael Schumather and whatever trouble he might get iato with his reactions, one thing is undeniable he is the best racing drive in the

The Argentine Gland Prix of 1998 had all the elements of a classic Schumacher victory: an inferior car driven to the limit with a clever and aggres-sve strategy, a controversial collision with Datid Coulthard and that bit of magic, a mesmerising stint after Ross Erawn, the Ferrar technical director, had come on the radio to say: "Michael, we need you to make up 12 seconds in five laps, please."

To illustrate the consistency of his pace, Eddie Irvine, his team-mate, driving a similar car, was almost a minute behind at the end.

"Only Michael can to this," Jean Todt, the team manager, said, and he was right. There have been plenty of calented drivers in Formula One, but only a handful who could win a race with a car that does not deserve to win. Serna and Prost did it many times and perhaps half of Schunacher's victories have come that way.

Like a great soccer player who can make time for himself on the ball, part of Schumacher's mental capacity is saved for dealing with the variables and uncertainties of the

game. Perhaps this is why Gianni Agnelli, the patriarch of Fiat, calls Schumacher "the Pelé of Formula One".

always it was an astonishing performknows ance in Argentina, made all the more thrilling by a mowhy he ment, five laps from the end of the was race, when his Ferrari slithered off faster' into a gravel trap. Amazingly, Schumacher knew the

Michael

layout of this trap having watched Johnny Helbert get stuck in it during practice. Also, on the Stunday morning, as he toured slowly around the circuit during the drivers' parade, he had made his customary mental notes of the position of the Tarmac perimeter roads around traps so that, when his Ferrari slid off, Schumacher kept his nerve and steered towhere he knew there was a slid land-ing. It sounds simple, but few would be so well-brganised and even fewer could think

logically at that speal. It was not the first or last time that Schumasher had made a mistake while pushing hard in the lead d a race. Brawn said: "In Minaco, he was leading when hehit a puddle on the pit straight and locked a wheel. It was more logical to him to go straight on down the escape road rather than try to make the corner and run the risk of litting the barrier. Not many drivers would have known where the escape road was." But what make him so

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Driven extremes

good? To begin with, his foundations are good; he always learns from experience, so that, as he gets older, he has a huge reserve to dip into.

He has an excellent memory and can recall details of chassis set-up, race strategy or even a random lap time from years before. Add to that an uncluttered mind, which allows him to think quickly and identify the root of a problem.

He is extremely fit and never gets tired, no matter how gruelling or hot the conditions. He has good reflexes and a unique ability to drive every corner of

every lap flat out. Pat Symonds. now technical director at Benetton, was Schumacher's engineer race when he won his two world titles. "He was the first driver of the modern era who had this incredible attention to detail." he said. "A lot of drivers just drive

round and, if they go faster, don't know why or how they did it. Michael always knows why he was faster."

Winning against superior machinery requires some-thing special and it is fair to say that Schumacher has never had the best car in Formula One. Stirling Moss, one of Britain's greatest drivers, says: "He's head and shoulders above the opposition." Luca Di Montezemolo, the Ferrari chairman, claims: "Without Michael Schumacher, this would be a world championship of taxi drivers."

The man who knows Schumacher, the racing driver, best in that context is Brawn, who says: "Michael is one of my heroes. It's a tragedy that he is misunderstood the way that he is. He had some great races in 1997 and 1998. Ferrari and Michael have been the only ones to make something of the championship. If Michael had not been around, you would have had two really tedious years, so when people are stab-bing him, they should think about what he has brought to



Eyes of the tiger: Schumacher looks towards increased success on the Formula One circuit

Ayrton Senna was consistent, fast and ruthless. In 1988. at the start of Senna's epic rivalry with Alain Prost, someone observed that Senna put 100 per cent of himself into being the fastest driver, while Prost put 100 per cent of himself into winning races. Schumacher has succeeded in marrying the two objectives.

Is he one of the greatest drivers in the sport's history? Undoubtedly. Could he go on to be the greatest? Unlikely. Whereas Senna's triumph is to have won so much while having to beat Prost, and vice versa. Schumacher's success will always be tempered by the fact that he had no one of his class to beat. And the controversies and scandals that have surrounded him will weigh



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CLASHES AND CONTROVERSIES



Fatal attraction: the title is decided at Adelaide in 1994 Michael Schumacher joins Jordan but switches to ton after one race after a legal challenge from the

1994; Becomes world champion amid allegations that his car was equipped with lilegal traction control device.

1994: Disqualified from British Grand Prix after overta ing pole position car of Damon His on parade lap and 1994: Disqualified from Belgian Grand Prix, banned for two races after skid block of his Benetton was found to be illegal.

1994: Crashes into Hill at decisive final race in Australia to win title with eight victories from 16 races. 1997: Disqualified from the championship, his second place expunged from the records for driving into eventual winner, Jacques Villeneuve, at the deciding European Grand Prix in

lérez in a desperate effort to cling on to his title hopes. 1998: Second in world championship with six victorie 1998: Accuses Hill of "trying to kill him" in Canada and forces Heinz-Haraid Frentzen off the circuit, provoking a protest from the Williams team.

1998: Wins British Grand Prix sitting in the pits after falling to stop for 10-second pounity.

1998: Storms into McLaren garage to accuse David Coulithard of "trying to kill him" after running into the rear of the Scot's car in Belgium.

His brilliance is widely acknowledged but so is

could

have been

avoided'

his poor sportsmanship and his ruthlessness

bad reputation: the easiest thing to acquire and the hardest to shake off. Before the start of the 1995 season, Schumacher hired Heine Buchinger as his press agent because he had gained such a reputation during 1994 and wanted to be rid of The German press had nicknamed him "Schumel Schumi" and he hated it. Roughly translated. schumel is halfway between crafty and cheat, an uncomfortable grey area which has the advantage of being suggestive without being libellous.

In 1994, Benetton came under intense scrutiny and allegations of cheating surfaced on several occasions. The team was fined heavily and Schumacher was disqualified twice and banned from two races. His season ended when he collided with Damon Hill, some felt deliberately, to collect the world championship. "Schumel Schumi" was born.

Another contributing factor to the "Schumel Schumi" tag was Michael's performance at Silverstone, where he overtook Hill, who had gained pole position, on the parade lap, a rather lame attempt at a psychotrick on his rival and

Nevertheless, he won the world championship despite participating n just 12 of 16 races and his many brilliant drives had laid down a marker for the future. Here was a natural successor to Ayrton Senna. not just in terms of his talent but in his win-at-all-costs approach to racing. Schumel Schumi, on-the-edge Schumi, clever Schumi, don't-getcaught Schumi.

Michael had realised he would never truly be free of the "Schumel Schumi" tag as long as he stayed at Benetton. Willi Weber, Schumacher's manager, had no shortage of offers for 1996 and beyond. As well

as the huge salary, the chance to go to Ferrari offered something special: making Ferrari great again. Winning the championship with them after two decades in the doldrums would obliterate any stains that the 1994 season may have left on his reputation.

The image captured the public imagination, as did many of his sublime victories against superior machinery. Over two seasons, Schumacher rose head and shoulders above the opposition, but after the 1997 European Grand Prix, at Jérez, everything he had worked towards was destroyed by a split second of madness. So much had been riding on the result at Jérez, where Schumacher had to win the last race of the championship to take the title from Jacques Villeneuve.

Ferrari were ready to trumpet the success of their \$100 million investment. All the sponsors were poised to go with adverts celebrating their role in the team's glory. Fiat, Philip Morris and Shell had all pumped in huge amounts of money and were just 20 laps from reaping their rewards.

In the back of Schumacher's mind all weekend was one thought: if Jacques Villeneuve finishes in front of me, the championship is gone. Suddenly, the Canadian was alongside him.

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

Two-tenths of a second passed between his initial realisation of this - marked by an instinctive turn of the wheel to the left, away from the nath of the Williams - and the second, sharper turn to the right, the one which sought to eliminate the predator, the one that screamed to the

watching millions: I must win at all costs. Two-tenths of a second decided a world championship, two turns of a steering wheel con-demned a great champion. Schumacher climbed out of the Ferrari and trudged through the sand to safety. No athlete looks more forlorn

than a racing driver removed from the action. He stands and watches. Three years earlier he had stood like this, waiting to see whether Hill's Williams would come round again after their collision in Adelaide. It had not reappeared and then one of the marshals had told him that Hill was out of his car. He hadn't known how to react then and his face betrayed a confused mixture of all the emotions he thought a new champion should display. Now, his face showed no emotion at all as Ville-

neuve's car passed by again and again.

There is little doubt that if Schumacher had followed old indeed sporting etiquette rather than his own instincts and made a public show of congratulation to Villeneuve as he climbed from his So much car, so much pain and damage would have been avoided and the pain and whole chain of events, which caused the greatest driver of his generation damage

to fall from grace, would probably never have happened.

Max Mosley, president of the FIA.
Formula One's ruling body, had addressed the drivers before the race. warning them that they would face the severest penalties if they employed any dirty tricks to win the

The FIA's penalty on Schumacher was extremely severe and the history of the sport will show that Schumacher.

whatever records he goes on to break, however many wins he may accrue, however much glory he might bring to Ferrari and however great a legend he might leave behind him, was the first man to be thrown out for attempting to foul an opponent. Far from being a slap on the wrist, it was a permanent stain on his character as a

According to Clay Reggazoni, a former Ferrari driver: "He drives with arrogance and thinks he is a demi-god. He wants to humiliate his rivals, not just beat them." And Jackie Stewart. three times the world champion, says: "Michael is the best driver but he has something I don't think is healthy. He has something I never had. Real champions don't have to bully."

But Jean Todt, the Ferrari team manager, summed him up differently: "We should all remember that, for all his capabilities, Michael is only human and makes mistakes. He overreacted due to a lack of time to think about it and he said things that he shouldn't have said. But perhaps it was my fault too. Perhaps we at Ferrari should have helped him at that difficult moment. But I think we forgot that with all his ability, he was still just a 29-year-old youngster."

THE SETIMES

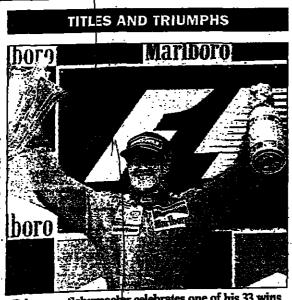
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CHANGING TIMES



Prize guy: Schumacher celebrates one of his 33 wins

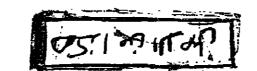
MICHAEL SCHUMACHEE is the most successful Formula One driver of his generation but how does he compare to the two modern greats Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost? Schumacher may have won fewer pole positions but he is acknowledged never to have driven the best car on the grid. The Benetton tha gave him the first of his world championships in 1994 was regarded as inferior to the Williams that year and so was his Ferrari behind McLaren last season, when hecame so close to beating Mika

Hakkinen to the title By contrast, Sennaand Prost drove for a dominant McLaren team, culminating in the 1988 season when, as team-mates, they win 15 of 16 races. Their ratio of victories to races contested is slightly higher than Schumacher's - bu only just.

HOW THEY COMPARE

MICHAEL SCHUMAQUER: Grands priz: 118. Pole positions: 20. Wins: 33. World championships: 2. Win ratio: 3.57. AYRTON SENINA: Gands prix: 161. Pole positions: 65. Wins: 41. World champiorphips: 3. Win ratio: 3.90.

ALAIN PROST: Grands prix: 199, Pole positions: 33, Wins: 51. World championships 4. Win ratio: 3.90.



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RUGBY LEAGUE Silk Cut Challenge Cup Fourth round

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

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RUGBY LEAGUE Silk Cut Challenge Cup Fourth round

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WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL

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OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Great-ey London Leopards v Chester Jets (at Brentvood 7 30), Million Keynes Lons v Ed-nburgh Rocks (7 30). Newcastle Eagles v Trames Valley Tigars (7 0). Uni-ball Tro-phy: Semi-final, second leg: Marchester Gards: (81) v Sheffield Sharks (77) (7 40) ICE HOCKEY: Sekonda Superleague: Sheffield Steelers / Ayr Scottish Eagles (7 30)

THURSDAY RUGBY UNION

CHELTENHAM AND GLOUCESTER CUP: Second round: Bestol v Northamp-191 7 3 3; WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Cross Yells Methyr (7 9) OTHER SPORT

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BASKETBALL Unl-ball Trophy: Semi-final, second leg: Lecoster Fiders (75) Detry Storn, 85, 18 9;
ICE HOCKET: Sekonde Superleague: NewLondon Khagras, 6, 16, beste Roveniarys v London Knights (f. 19 Mar prester Sterm v Brackhoel Book (f. 30) FRIDAY

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BASKETBALL: Sudweiser League: Deby Storm v Shelfield Sharts (7:30) Lexcoter Richas v Edinburgh Robs (7:30) London Towers v Newcoathe Eagles (7:30) Lonchecker Guards v Birmangham Bullott (7:10)
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SUNDAY FOOTBALL

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ICE HOCKEY

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First division

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Marc Rosset celebrates winning his first title of the season after beating David Prinosil 6-3. 6-4 in the St Petersburg Open yesterday. Photograph: Anatoly Maltsev / EPA

RUGBY UNION

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Umpires: D B Cowie and R S Dunna. International match

Zimbabwe A v England A BULAWAYO (final day of five). England A best Zimbabwe A by 193 runs ENGLAND A: First Innings 383 (M B Love 133, VS Solanie 65, Dt. Maddy 64; A R Whitfall 4 for 88, B C Strang 4 for 107). Second Innings 310-6 dec (M P Vaughan 131, A Fintoff 86) ZOMBABWE A: First Innings 223 (A M Big-naut 58, DP Viljoen 57, GP Swann 4 for 52) Second Immos
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CHYSTAL PALACE: Indoor field events meeting: Winners: Men: High Jump: M Loud Beaky Boroupin 2:10m Pole vault: S. Gascoope (Blackheath) 4:30m Long Jump: 5 Philus (Hughy) 7:35m Shot: P.Edserres (unamached) 17 15m Women: High Jump: D. Morencarte (Stratesbury Baner) 188m Pole vault: K. Dowsen (Woodlord Green and Erse: Ladies) 3m Long Jump: R. Krby (Woodlord Green and Esse: Ladies) 3m Long Jump: R. Krby (Woodlord Green and Esse: Ladies) 5:56m Shot: C. Johnson (Windoor, Sough and Eton) 13:18m

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Total 277
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BOWLING, Lewy, 17-9-32-2; Harmison 23-9-53-C; Fintofi 15-7-25-0; Swarm 43-13-10-4, Cosker 34-17-54-4, Vaughan 23-23-0

3-2-2-0 Umpres: G.R. Evans and E.J. Gilmour Tour match Wellington Emerging

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-129, 3-234, 4-25, 5-280, 6-291, 7-387, 8-387, 9-405
BOW-BNG Rampling 30-7-86-2, Cross 20-1-4-2. Edwards 21-5-6-70-3, Patel 30-7-3-1. Consectine 3-0-25-0. Drake 8-0-221, De Sine 1-0-9.

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Cross country

BIRMANGIAM: Women's Inter-league match: Serions (6 Styrt) 1. J Groves (Michand) 23mm 55sec, 2. S Green (Michand) 24:28. 3. ECochrane (Scothish) 24:37. 4. C Graseley (Northerm) 24:49. 5. A Haggins (Scothish) 24:59. Teams: 1. Action of League 72pts. 2. Scothish 24:50. 6. N Wood (North) 24:59. Teams: 1. Michand League 72pts. 2. Scothish 20:22. 2. N Bailey (Michand) 20:16:3. C Sigan (Scothish) 20:21 Teams: 1. Michand (Lague 58: 2. Northern League 64: 3. Scotth League 100:4. Gwent 177. Under-15:025mm) 1. J Nugent (Southern) 12:10:3. F Edition (Scuthern) 12:10:3. F Edition (Scuthern) 12:17. Teams: 1. Southern League 101:3. Scothish League 110:4. Michand (Lague 15:5. Gwent League 183: Under-13:238km) 1. J. Jepson (Michand) 12:18:2. J Wicotion (Southern) 12:23:3. S Lamont (Southern) 12:25:3. S Lamont (Southern) 12:35. Northern league 105:5. Gwent League 99. S. Northern league 105:5. Gwent League 99. S. Northern league 105:5. Widerson (Southern) 30:34. Service 105:35. Teached 105:35. S Widerson (Southern) 30:34. Service 105:35. Teached 105:35. S Widerson (Southern) 30:34. Service 105:35. Teached 105:35. S Widerson (Southern) 30:34. Service 105:35. Service Green and Essen Ladies) 3rt. Long jump:

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RACING: TRAINER SETS SIGHTS ON NATIONAL AFTER TOTE GOLD TROPHY SUCCESS

Egerton plotting another coup

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE nursing a wellearned hangover after celebrating his fourth Saturday televised race winner in as many weeks, Charlie Egerton was yesterday plotting the most au-dacious coup of the season from his 25-horse yard in the heart of Berkshire.

The victory of Decoupage in the Tote Gold Trophy, which followed the recent successes of Teasiral at Sandown and Kempton and Dangerus Precedent at Doncaster, means the Chaddleworth trainer now boasts a strike-rate of 31 per cent this season — just behind that of Venetia Williams.

The Cheltenham Festival beckons and all three will be fancied runners in their respective races, but it is to Aintree that "Edgy" is looking with a horse whose two latest runs have ended, somewhat unceremoniously, out in the country where he was pulled up.

"I have got River Lossie, owned by Chris Brasher, enered for the Martell Grand National and I would not mind winning that," he said, hereby qualifying himself for he understatement of the ear. "Basically, he has got a ot of quality, but it is his brain hat is the problem. He would ump round there like a bunny abbit_

"He was only beaten half a ength by Large Action in his sumper and he has always been a talented horse but can be a bit wayward. He trotted up on his first two starts this year, then lost the plot.

"I am planning a rather ec-



Decoupage storms clear for a three-length victory in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on Saturday

Barbury Castle, just to sur prise him. He has got the talent to run very well at

Aintree. With the bookmakers offering odds of 50-1 and longer against the enigmatic chaser, at present 7lb out of the handi-

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show jumping and I may even cap, obliging, there are worse run him in a timber race at bets around — especially given Egerton's hot streak of form. Last year, his small string was hit badly by the virus and yet he still ended the campaign with a 33 per cent strikerate. This season, the horses are healthy and he is maintaining his impressive winner-run-

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ner ratio. "Last year, every-body said I had a bad season but I don't think I did much wrong. I just managed the horses according to what was going on at the time. With the virus, I think I managed them pretty well."

Decoupage is a quality performer on good ground and could be named the winner at Newbury at least two flights from home. Jimmy McCarthy. a late replacement for Norman Williamson, who woke up on Saturday morning with a painful neck, came to the last flight with the proverbial double handful and made no mis-

take as he enjoyed the biggest pay-day of his career. Decoupage earned a 33-1 quote for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle after his threelength victory over City Hall (25-1 for the Bonusprin: Stay-

ers'), but Egerion favours the Vincent O'Brien County Hur-

die, followed by a crack at the

Scottish Champion Hurdle, which he won two years ago with Shadow Leader. A disappointing seasonal reappearance by Ask Tom in the Mitsubishi Shogun Game Spirit Chase, won by Celibate,

underlined the paucity of top two-mile chasers this season.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

1.30 1. Sell By The Stare (4-1), 2. Zaggy Lane (7-2), 3, Call II A Day (9-1) Earthmover 11-4 lav 7 ran. NR: Harborse 2.00 1. Cellbete (7-2), 2, Muligan (7-2), 3, Nearly An Eye (11-2) Ask Torn 5-2 lav. 6 lan. 235 1, Decompage (6-1): 2. Cny Hall (20-1), 3. Sadier's Healm (16-1), 4, Amage (50-1): Tutchev 6-4 tav 18 ran. 2.05 1, Kodov Noomatalis (8-11 tov), 2, Fladev Wood (4-1); 3, Act Of Faith (10-1) 6

3.35 1, The Fty (2-1 lav), 2, Dr Jazz (13-2); 3, Perieci Venue (9-4) 11 ran 4.05 1, Flying instructor (7-4); Iav), 2, Way-hard King (2-1); 3, Go Interestal (25-1). Cop-per Boy 7-4 (4-b). 4 ran NR, With impunity. 4.35 1, Golden Alpha (11-8 lav); 2, No Forecast (20-1); 3, Frenchman's Creek (16-1) 24 ran, NR Go Man

Ауг 2.50 1, Thanks Keith (6-4 lav), 2, The Robe (5-2), 3, All Our Blessings (16-1), 4 ran 3.25 1, Island Chief (6-4 lav), 2, Commi-lad Schedule (7-1), 3, Bright Destiny (5-1), 8

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MANASIS (3.30 Hereford) Steve Brookshaw's runner looks well treated here judged on his sec-oud to the useful Moor Lane at Doncaster last Next best Deep C Diva (3.50 Plumpton) ×

4.25 1. Lagen Bridge (11-2), 2, Jyman Johnn (9-2), 3, Burnt Imp (10-1) Rachael: Owen 3-1 fav. 8 ran

Catterick 1.45 1, Radampour (12-1), 2, 8e Brave (5-2 lav), 3, Oversman (9-2), 15 ran NR Mithraic

(7-1) Straffan Gold 5-2 lav 16 ran

Haydock Park 1.40 1, Samakaan (8-11 lav) 2, Lawahé (3-1), 3, Big Abali (25-1), 10 ran

4.15 1, **Kings Measure** (11-4 lav), 2, The Butterwick Kid (3-1), 5, Explain This (3-1) 6 **4.45 1, Varykinov** (12-1) 2, Thiotops (8-1), 3, Lest Option (11-4) Pough Cuest 6-4 tev 10 ran Lingfield Park

1.25 1, Atamein (6-1), 2, kings Harmony (16-1), 3, Scissor Ridge (12-1), Acrd Test 7-2 lay, 15 ran **1.55** 1 **Van Gurp** (11-1) 2. Saseedo (12-1) 3. Dark Menace (15-2). Horpoon Louie 11-8 fav. 10 ran. 2.30 T. Joseph's Wine (2-1 tav). 2. Castle Ashby Jack (16-1); 3. Mr Rough (7-1). 9 ran 3.40), Scraggys Dream (evens tav), 2. Daumiod (4-1), 3. Miss Take (16-1), 6 ran **4.10** 1. **Piper's Clan** (4-1); 2. College Blue (8-13 lav) 3, Sharp Hett (4-1) 6 ran.

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7.5 Alle: Wiget 17.2 Crombat Sary, 6-1 Dark Kestell, Millmount, 10.0 Combaquey 7.5 Bowles Patrol, 6-1 Summa, Special, 10-1 others.

3.20 PLUMPTON CHASE (£2,835; 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

5-4 Culony (s), 3-1 Woodlands Beau Total Joy, 7-1 Stanagore Walker, 10-1 other:

7 4 Chappeira, 2-1 Deep C Dica, 4-1 Roborese, 10-1 Pezzadowo Totana. 14-1 Latte Bizaron, 20-1 Amos Girl, Les Vesley Dancer, 25-1 cities

6 P-33 SILVERFORT LAD 16P (6.5) J Honeyball 10-12-0 7 14-1 SOME TOURIST 22P (5) M Berstead 11-12-0 Miss C Beastwad (7) 8 5U6-TUG OF PEACE 445 (0.6.5) G Bown 12-12-0 Mr N Feithy (5) 9 3U6- RESAL PURSUIT 334 Mrs J Rizgeadd 8-11-9 Mr A Winde (3)

6-4 Stathreige Bill, 7-2 Loyal Note, 4-1 Some Tourist, 5-1 Mass, 12-1 others.

4.50 HBLB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP

1 19-5 MAJORES LAW 7F (C.D.S.S.) R Sergion 10-17-10 B Done (7) — 2 1465 IT'S WALLACE 45 (6.CO.S.) J C Produce 6-17-2 M Seicheber 1785 3 4501 ADVANCE EAST 14 (6.S.) C Project 7-17-2 D O'Subleum (5) 104 2332 ELACAL MISSBE 72 P Bones 6-17-2 S Durack B0 5 4042 FOUNTAIN BD 10 (6) R Bean 7-10-9 Wedger 7-10-2 Majori

3-1 Escosi Maccole, 7-2 Mayor's Law, Advance East, 5-1 August Sweitin, 11-2 Fountain Bull, 8-1 If a Wallace, 20-1 Row Bells.

4.20 FLYAWAY HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,173: 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

HURDLE (£2,425; 2m 4f) (7)

3.50 DITCHLING HURDLE (\$2,583 2m 11) (12)

11-4 Fayet 3-1 Bermuda Trumple 7-2 Talcon Sale 5-1 Ayem, 8-1 others.

17-15 Angabio Pali 15-8 North Awenny, 4-1 Festian (20-7 Cababia)

Carl Evans: 4.20 Regal Pursuit.

14-Y-0 £2,320 2m 1f) (7 runners)

GOING GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES).

1.50 DYKE HOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

2.10 River Captain. 2.40 Society King. 3.10 Dick Turpin. 3.40 Areish. 4.10 Rich Ballerina. 4.40

GOING: STANDARD DRAW NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 NEVADA STAKES (£2,019, 1m 4f) (6 junners) : 4461 MBJTA*S STAR 9 (CD F) M BJRDD (-9-4 GREENWEI 3 -103 PONER SCHOOL 7 RC G1 M R BYSEY: 59-2 W HUNDHOOM (-5 G -10-4 CREEN CEPTRAIN 3 (RD) O MINING (ICT) 59-2 P P SSESSE (-6 G 4 09-2 ROBELLTA 9 E STATE 19-0 P DODG (-7 G -004 JULES JEWEL 21 RC S) M CACOTTAN 4-6-11 S REPORT (-7 G 6 02-5 PES KERMO SABEE 7 D CHAN 4-8-11 C REPORT (-7 G

5-2 River Captain, C-1 "Locals Star, 7-2 Paris School, 5-1 Potentia, G-1 p/9915.

2.40 SYRIAN DESERT STAKES (\$2,146.7f; (12) 0-00 HEVER GOLF PANCER 14 (D) 1 Valentin 4-9-7 - Lie Grane 1 0-00 HEVER GOLF PANGER 14 (D) 1 Marginon 4-97 & Execute 2 660- BASSAAN 123 (D) M Dougle 59-3 ... J Margin 13 00-2 TROUGH HERO 28 (D) 6.0 km th Prover 8-9-3 & Calmane 1, 9 1 6 Cortex 5 505- MARILLA 104 (S) Marc 5 Petresoy 4-9-2 P Fredericks (S) 6 56-3 HAWA AL MASCARAT 7 (D) M berton 7-9-0 R Ferrory (F) 7 29-0 NO AMBIDISTY 13.1 8 (G) W remp 6-8-11 P. Recent 3 (D) 7 23-1 ROCK SAMO LINE 7 (D) 5.5 (L) AVAISAD 5-5 (1) P. Recent 3 23-1 ROCK SAMO LINE 7 (D) 5.5 (L) AVAISAD 5-5 (1) P. Recent 3 (D) 7 (D) 7 (D) 7 (D) 8 (D) 8 (D) 9

3.10 KALAHARI HANDICAP (£3,719-1m 3f) (12) 1 3340 BE WAPPED 12 IV.C.F.G.S.J. Practs 6-16-0 P. R. Price 5 24-1 SHOGIN 32 V Rank 4-3-1: D. Summers 6-10: O Summers 6-10: O Summers 6-10: O Frague 6-11: 1-33 DARKONG RIO 18 (L.S.S.) Practs 6-10: O Frague 6-11: A 1-33 DARKONG RIO 18 (L.S.S.) P. DECES (S.S.) P. DECES (S 4 1 Drub Trapin, 17-2 Stegur, 6-1 Migray Cent. 7-1 Sc Warred Discount As Cent. Migray, 12-1 Science Common As Cent. Migray, 12-1 Science.

: 11U3 SHAMARDRE WARROR 17 (CD.S) S Melto 7-11-12 C Webb 83
2 S21F TOTAL JOY 19 (BF.G.S) C lasm 8-11-5 _ Mr M Fethly (7) 100
3 U130 W1000 MACUS SEAU 25 (D.S) R Alue 7-11-5 M A Regerate [32]
6 SD00 SHOW D Williams 9-10-12 _ F Hebe - F Hebe 1000 Melto 100 3.40 DEATH VALLEY HANDICAP (\$2,801 1m) (15) 10-2 ROUGE 14 J Lord 3-9-11 Dear 15 the form of the J Lord 3-9-11 Dear 15 the form of the J Lord 3-9-11 Dear 15 the form of the J Lord 3-9-11 Dear 15 the form of the J Lord 3-9-11 Dear 15 the J Lord 3 5-1 The Barnsley Bull: 13-2 Aresth, 6-1 Magnileyn File 7-1 Debane, 3-1 Sough Shony Manila, 12-1 L'Estable Reune, komfusky, Polar Reham, 16-1 others.

4.10 NUBIAN SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £1,830, 1m) (8) 6-4 Rich Ballaina, 3-1 Caine Poose, 5-1 Golden Syrup, Ipoless Filly, 10-1 others

4.40 SAHARA HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,295: 61) (14) 1 0-01 NERO TROL 7 (B, CD) A Kleany 9-11 (669) P Fredericks (5) 14
2 300- GOLD CHANCE (149 (8) G Chung 9-7 ... M Tebbutt 8
3 -333 TBINA'S PET 5 (B, C) J Baldong 9-7 ... P Goode (9) 5
4 6-00- SD WBLIMS (154 M Doss 9-8 ... J Weaver 12
5 -2-21 KEBH HANDS 26 (V) Mbr. N Maccadey 9-4 ... R Price 4
6 00-63 DOLLY DAY DREAM 6 (V, D, F) N horv 9-2 ... Martin Dwyre 9
7 -240 OH I SAY 20 (F-S) Mbc. O Keisevoy 9-0 Dumm 7
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

Castle Mane denied Festival chance

CASTLE MANE, trained by Caroline Bailey, was denied the chance to qualify for Cheltenham's Foxhunter Chase when yesterday's Tweseldown meeting was frozen off (Carl

An abandonment of a different kind occurred 24 hours earlier at Higham in Suffolk. ards to halt proceedings 35 minutes before the first race. Top soil, bought from a regular supplier and spread around the jumps after a recent meeting, was found to contain broken glass, china and wire. Claims for compensa tion are being discussed.

Mortgages

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The following interest rates for mortgages provided by Banking Direct. a Division of Bank of Scotland, will apply with effect from 1st March 1999 for both new and existing borrowers.

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2.00 EWYAS HAROLD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,556: 2m 1f) (16 runners)

2.30 wormelow novices handicap chase

£3,534: 2m 3i) (16 runners)

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3.00 ARROW MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,304: 2m 3i 110ya) (16 runners)

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HEREFORD: Trainent: N Henderson, 8 winners from 21 numers, 38 % Mes V Williams, 8 from 22, 36 4% M Pipe, 32 from 94, 34.0%; N Chance, 3 from 10, 30.0%, Jodies Va. A Maguere, 4 winners from 18 ndés, 25 0%, C Lewellyn, 22 from 95, 23.2%, T J Marphy, 6 from 29, 20.7%, B Fanlan, 8 from 43, 18 6%.

43, 18 67s.

PLIMPTON: Trainess: M Pipe, 29 wirners from 63 runners, 46 0%, J Neville, 11 from 26, 42.3%; N Henderson, 5 from 17, 29 4%; C Pophern, 4 from 15, 26.7%, Josepher C Webb, 4 warners from 11 ndes, 36 4%; A McP Coy, 37 from 106, 34.9%; G Tomtey, 3 from 14, 21,4%; M A Pizgerald, 13 from 67, 19.4%.

3.30 WILLIAM HELL CHASE [SHOWCASE HANDICAP AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£7,328: 2m) (17 runners)

BETTRIC: 11-2 Hang'am Out To Day. 13-2 Community Cracker, 8-1 Rovester, Manasc., Fits De Cresson, Cool Spot. Fighting Times., 10-1 others.

1998: MUSIC PLEASE 6-11-13 R Johnson (3-1 lav) Miss V Williams 17 ran 1990: MUSIC PLEASE 6-11-13 R Johnson (3-1 ke) Misc V Williams 17 km
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in handicap chase at Chebston (2m 11, set), Mamasis 13-1 2nd of 7 in More Lane in novice chase at Doucacle
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(2m 31 110pd, good to seth). Commands 162 and of 10 in Country Beas in novice chase at Tourceston (2m 31 pood). Having em Out 10 Dry best Fils Die Crasson (2m bester oll) 14-1 in 12-numer towice hooticap chase at
Doucacler (2m 110pd, good). Cool Spot 51 2nd of 5 to Beatson in handicap chase at Tourcester (2m 110pd,
havely; previously best like Jerve 27-1 in 10-number tapedicap chase at Follecture (2m, soll) with Morthern Sad-

JASON'S BOY has been threatening to win a race and thic could be the day

4.00 HOECHST ROUSSEL PANACUR EBF MARES HIT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,745: 2m 3f 110yd) (16 runners)

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291322 BORA BORA 19 (5) (Ahre J Bridenza) M Twicton-Davies 6-11-5 ... C Lieuwhin 94
-01355 DARK FOMANEC 38 (5) (4 Bedsom) Alexa Z Davison 10-11-5 ... O McPhat (5) 90
1-321 WILMOTT'S FANCY 14 (5) (Ahrs J Peudene) Mess V Williams 7-11-5 ... R Johnson 1978
5-0000 CARDY COPPER 38 (K Ford) Mrs P Ford 6-10-12 ... Mr M Fith (7) 28
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WILMOTT'S FARICY scored costly at Pharapton and will be suried by this size back up in distance

4.30 oswald & rowland symonds hunters chase (£2,176: 3m 1(110yd) (16 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Speatern Flight, 4-1 Miss MREscool, 6-1 Saltron Mass, Ardesi Boy, Lily The Lark, 8-1 Mister Horako, 10-1 Ruety Budde, 14-1 others.

Merinn's Lad parlied op in handicap class at Tomassire (3m 11, good to film), previously 30 5m of the Tomassire (3m 11, good to film), previously 30 5m of the Tomassire (3m 11 tipe) class at the return (3m 11 tipe), good). Highway Five 36t 6m of 9 to Tom's Gentier Star in hand-ce class at the return (3m 11 tipe), good). As land Five bearing discover Castle 36t test of 5 to film Rebail in movine hands class at littlesser (3m 12, good). Castles Free bearing discover to the film of the film provide hands of southwelf (3m 11 tipe), good). 3 to Lad 8v-13 and of 10 to Blaugate in novice hands at Southwelf (3m 11 tipe), good), at Lad 8v-13 and of 10 to Blaugate in novice hands at Southwelf (3m 11 tipe), good), good southy 24 5th of 10 to trom The Swing in maides chase at Utilisate for Mills (3m 11 tipe). Matthe Rambler putted up to amother hands are returned.

5.00 LEDBURY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,944: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

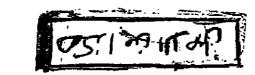
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BETTING: 5-2 Castaplacty, 4-1 Sanio Thirty, 6-1 Sunley Secure. 7-1 Burger Jamper, Two To Tango. 6-1 Tre-magnician, 14-1 Suprame Master, 16-1 others. 1996: A S JM 7-11-11 H Direct (9-4) O O'Nedi 9 san 1998: A S. JM 7-11-11 H Cliver (9-4) O O'Heil 9 rati

Le Khoumi 33i 16h of 27 to Blowing Wind in handcap hardle grade 3 at

Challestern (2m 11, good). Castagleinty 21i 4th of 10 to Aric Ground and Challestern (2m 11, good). Castagleinty 21i 4th of 10 to Aric Ground marks need in 8-turner monte handcap busile at Devices (2m 11, good). Sonitry Secure near Parter?

Part 2xi in 11-turner translatap tout de al Newton Arbot (2m 11, factry). Burget Jumper 3 2nd of 4 to Indian Princes in Analicap hardle at Luthor (2m, good). Two To Tempo 14i 4th of 7 to Soldie Mai in Indian hardlesp hardle at Uthorstor (2m, good). Temporation 54i 4th of 19 to Cobis in selling hardlesp hardle at Luthor (2m 4, good). Supreme Mester 38i 1th of 19 to Messach to Gressen in Landcap hardlesp hardle



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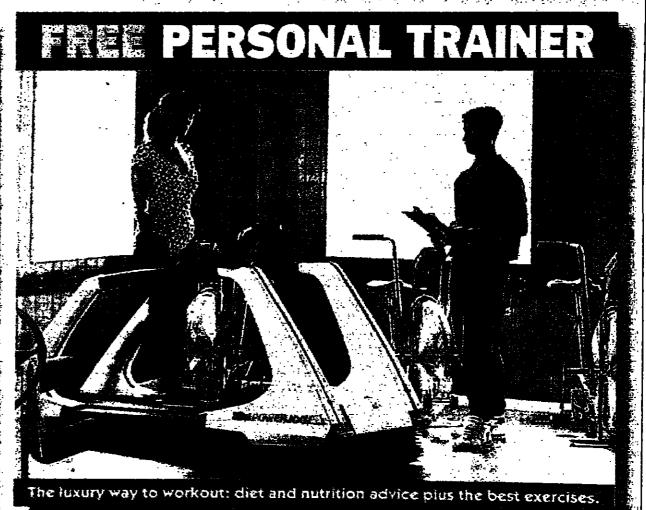




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See tomorrow's *Times* for the list of personal trainers

CHANGING TIMES

Barclays leads big week for banks

BARCLAYS BANK: Michael O'Neill, the new chief executive from America, has much to do to restore the fortunes of Barclays after a difficult few years during which it has slipped down the banking league table.

Full-year results, due out tomorrow, are unlikely to contain many surprises. The group announced in November that pretax profits for the year would be not less than £1.9 billion. That compares with £1.7 billion last time, with earnings per share up

from 74p to 82p. However, BT Alex Brown, the broker, says that the trend in underlying profits is much worse



TODAY

Dicom, Works (q3). Finals: Mersey Docks & Harbour, Norsk Hydro, RoyalBlue Group.

TOMORROW

teterines: Peter Black Holdings, Com-pel Group, Gearhouse Group, Macro 4, Paterson Zochonis. Fisals: Anglo & Overseas, Barclays, Low & Bonar, Morgan Sindall, Quarto Group, Serna Group, St Modwan Properties. Economic statistics: January retail price index, January public sector finances.

WEDNESDAY Interims: Alied Carpets Group. Fi-nals: Alied Irish Banks, BP Amoco. Dobbies Garden Centres, Woolwich, WPP, Zeneca. Economic statis January labour market report, Bank of England MPC minutes of February

THURSDAY

Interims: Freeport Leisure, TOR Invest-ment Holdings. Finals: Glaco Well-come, Halfau, Rank Group. Economic statistics: January retail sales, January car output, British Bankers' Association January bank lending data, Buildng Societies Association January lend ing data, January provisional m4, m4 lending, January final mO.

FRIDAY

ust none scheduled, Flaula: Abbey National, Beta Global Emerging, Economic statistics: February consumer confidence survey.

after adjusting for losses at BZW, leasing writedowns, disposal gains and life provisions.

Pre-provision profits, excluding BZW, are forecast to fall 9 per cent to £2.4 billion with revenues flat against 1997 and costs up around 5.5 per cent.

Bad debt provisions are forecast to rise from £239 million to £506 million, reflecting difficult conditions in Russia and a lower level of releases and recoveries in the corporate business.

The dividend is expected to rise 15 per cent to 42.5p.

ABBEY NATIONAL: A useful increase in profits is forecast when final results are unveiled on Friday, despite dull conditions in the mortgage market during the first half, which saw the group lose market share.

Pre-tax profits should come in at El.5 billion, against El.27 billion last time. Earnings per share should grow from 65.2p to 70p. The payout should rise by about 16 per cent, from 30.5p to 35.5p.

HALIFAX: A better performance in the mortgage market in the sec-ond half should enable the bank group to achieve a modest increase in profits when results are published on Thursday. Pre-tax profits are set to come in at £1.66 billion, up from El.63 billion the year before. Earnings per share should rise from 43.5p to 46.2p. Halifax should follow the lead of other banks and raise the divi-

WOOLWICH: At first glance, final results due on Wednesday, should make pleasant reading. Pre-tax profits are likely to grow from £401 million to £475 million. a rise of 19 per cent. However, last year's figure was struck after conversion-related costs of £53 million and disposal losses of £9

dend 15 per cent to 20.3p.

The underlying picture is ex-pected to show profits being squeezed by growing competitive

Like other mortgage lenders, Woolwich will have struggled in the first half, although conditions improved in the second half.



Michael O'Neill has a big task as the new head of Barclays after its fall down the banking league

GLAXO WELLCOME: Fullyear results due on Thursday should mark a turning point in the fortunes of Britain's biggest drug company. Analysts forecast pre-tax profits of £2.47 billion to £2.59 billion, down from £2.68 billion last time. Brokers are confident that this will be the last flat performance by the group before

earnings growth takes off again. Sir Richard Sykes, chairman. forecast at the end of 1996 that, after two years of flat earnings growth, Glaxo's performance

should pick up in the current year, with double-digit underlying earnings growth. The hiatus in growth for the past two years stems from the 1997 expiry of US patents on two of Glaxo's bestselling drugs, Zantac, the ulcer treatment, and Zovirax, the antiviral

Głaxo is also expected to announce a full-year dividend of 35p to 36p (35p).

ZENECA: The focus of attention will be the group's proposed merger with Astra. Zeneca will publish final results on Wednesday, and on Thursday shareholders will vote on whether to sanction the deal. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at between £1.02 billion and £1.06 billion, down from £1.08 billion in 1997. Zeneca says that if the merger is approved it plans to pay a balancing second interim dividend for 1998 of 28p, in addition to the 14p

paid in the first half. Zeneca's merger with Astra has been at least partly driven by

concern over future patent expiries. Brokers have criticised Zeneca's new product pipeline for being too weak to make up for the expiries. However, Astra faces similar problems, and analysts have said that the timing of their combined patent expiries and product launches exacerbates the problem rather than solving it.

BP AMOCO: The newly merged

oil group is expected on Wednes-

day to report fourth-quarter replacement cost net income before exceptionals of between \$798 million and \$830 million, down from \$1.50 billion, reflecting dilution of BP's performance by inclusion of Amoco's assets for the first time. Some uncertainty surrounds forecasts for the new group as a result of limited disclosure because of the merger process. The fourth-quarter dividend will be the first reported in dollars, but a sterling equivalent will be de-

clared simultaneously. The pay-out is expected to be 6.25p to 6.5p, against 6p in the third quarter and 5.75p the previous year. Some analysts expect the group to accelerate its restructuring programme to bring as much as possible of the initial upside into the 1999 results. This could mean that job losses may exceed the 6,000 forecast at the time of the

merger with Amoco last August.

RANK GROUP: Hapless investors reeling from a disastrous year, culminating in Andrew Teare's ousting as chief executive, face further bad news as they await the arrival of Ladbroke's Mike Smith to replace him. Sir Denys Rank's chairman, is expected on Thursday to unveil pretax profits down from £303 million to about £255 million. However the payout is expected to be

tiny increase. Worst hit will be the holidays and leisure divisions, both of which are expected to be carefully scrutinised after Mr Smith's arrival. Analysts are forecasting an asset writedown, although some estimate the group's break-up value at 300p, about 100p higher than its current share price.

No privilege for lawyer's log

maintained at 18p with, at best, a

Pointers on interest rates

fter the devastating manufacturing figures last week and the Bank of A figures last week and the dank vi-England's downbeat Inflation Report, the minutes of the last meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee, out on Wednesday, should provide further evidence on the future direction of interest rates. Most City economists expect at least a further 0.5 per cent to be shaved off the

its lending rate before the end of the year. There are not likely to be any masty surprises to worry the Bank from this weeks's prices and unemployment data. January's retail price index, due tomorrow, is expected to come in on the Government's inflation target of 2.5 per cent. having risen

slightly to 2.6 per cent the previous month. January retail sales figures are expected to show a rise of 0.4 per cent on December but unchanged from last year, while Wednesday's unemployment figures are expected to show 10,000 more claimants.

The US is likely to be subdued as the markets await a key speech from Alan Greenspan. Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, who will make his twice-yearly statement on monetary policy on February 23. The US consumer prices figure. due on Friday, is expected to be comfortable. Wednesday's US industrial production figure for January will decline around 0.5 per cent down from December is forecast — but Americans are saved by

continued strength in consumer spending.
Thursday sees the fortnightly meeting of the European Central Bank's governing council. An interest rate cut is unlikely, given President Wim Duisenberg's view that there are no signs of a sharp slowdown in euroland. More interesting should be the monthly bulletin from the ECB out tomorrow, which will provide insights on its views on longer-term growth and interest rates. Saturday's G7 meeting in Bonn is expected to see Germany again pushing the idea of target zones for exchange rates.

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The Sunday Times: Buy Moorfields Estates. Ultra Electronics, Synter, First Choice, Westminster Health Care: Sell Dixons Motors. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Laura Ashley, Hill & Smith, Telspec. Adantic Telecom. Groupe Chez Gerard, Luminar: Hold WPP: Sell Pearson. The Mail on Sunday. Sell SmithKline Beecham, Psion. The Sunday Express: Buy AMEC, Comino, Gowrings; Hold Christian Salvesen, Eidos, Scottish and Southern Energy.

Court of Appeal

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Court of Appeal.

Protecting position until appeal

Sithole and Others v Thor Chemicals Holdings Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Judge and Lord Justice Tuckey

[Judgment February 3] A defendant who was appealing against refusal of his application to stay proceedings on the ground of forum non conveniens and who wished to protect himself against judgment being entered in default of a notice of intention to defend those proceedings had to apply either for a stay of proceedings pending the appeal or make an applica-tion to extend time for acknowldeement of service of the writ and by so doing could not be said to be bmitting to the jurisdiction. The Court of Appeal so stated

(i) allowing an appeal by the de-lendants, Thor Chemicals Hold-ings Ltd and Desmond John Cow-Justice Gray on November 5, 1998 of their appeal from the dismissal by Master Hodgson on October 7. 1998 of their application under Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to set aside judgment n default on October 24, 1998; and (ii) dismissing an application by the defendants for leave to appeal against the dismissal by Mr Jus-tice Garland on July 31, 1998 of ceedings brought by the plaintiffs, Mr Moses Sithole and twenty others, on the ground of forum non

The plaintiffs were employed by

Regina v Mullen (Nicholas Robert Neil)

Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Jus-

tice Colman and Mr Justice Mau-

The legal meaning of "unsafe" in

Act 1995 was broad enough to in-

clude abuse of process.

Where no complaint had been

made about the conduct of a crimi-

nal trial and the appeal was

brought purely on the ground that

no trial should have taken place be-cause of the prosecution's abuse of

process prior to trial, it was appro-

priate to quash a conviction under

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

appeal of Nicholas Robert Neil

Mullen against conviction on June

Court (Mr Justice Hidden and a

jury) of conspiracy to cause explo-

sions likely to endanger life or

cause serious injury to property.

for which he was sentenced to thir-

ty years. Seven years after trial, the court

granted Mr Mullen's application for leave for an extension of time

and leave to appeal against convic-

tion on grounds relating solely to

g 1990 at the Central Criminal

Dudgment February 4

ny of the English company Thor Chemicals in factories in Natal manufacturing mercury com-pounds. Mr Cowley was the chairman and controlling shareholder of Thor and took an active part in

panies in the group. The plaintiffs brought proceed ings in the UK in January 1998 claiming damages for personal inmercury. The proceedings were served on Thor at its registered offices in England and on Mr Cow-

ley when resident in Spain. The defendants sought a stay of proceedings on the ground that South Africa was a more appropriare forum. Mr Justice Garland dismissed that application and refused leave to appeal. The defendants informed the plaintiffs of their intention to seek leave from the

Court of Appeal.

The plaintiffs subsequently entered judgment in default as there had been no defence served nor no-tice of intention to defend. The deaside the default judgment.

They then issued an application to leave to appeal the decision of Mr Justice Garland. The defendants were unsuccessful in their application to set aside default judg-ment both before the master and before Mr Justice Gray.

Mr Roger Ter Haar, QC and Miss Anna Guggenheim for the de-fendants; Mr Daniel Brennan, QC and Mr Graham Read for the

LORD JUSTICE TUCKEY said

the circumstances of his deporta-

prior to his trial.

tion from Zimbabwe to England

Mr Nigel Sweeney for the prose

cution; Mr Colin Mackay, QC and

Miss Compaspe Lloyd-Jacob for

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that

the British authorities had initiat-

ed and subsequently assisted in

Mr Mullen by unlawful means

when there were specific extradi-

tion facilities between this country

and Zimbahwe. They were also act-

ing in breach of public internation-

The events leading to the depor-

tation, which had now been re-

vealed in the summary for disclo-

sure, had been concealed from Mr

The court recognised the im-

mense degree of public revulsion

to the activities of those who had as-

sisted and furthered the violent op-

erations of the IRA and other ter-

rorist organisations.

In the exercise of discretion,

great weight had to be attached to

the nature of the offence involved.

duct of the security services and no-

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Against that, however, the con-

Mullen until last year.

procured the deportation of

Pre-trial action makes conviction unsafe

that on the appeal against the deci-sion of Mr Justice Gray, the defendants had submitted that it was or should be the practice of the court that no default judgment would be entered while an appeal against an application to stay proceedings

as pending. The defendants relied especially on the fourth note in The Supreme Court Practice 1999 to Order 12,

rule 8 [Note 12/8/3, page 133].
The defendants submitted that there was no difference in principle between the practice of not enterlication at first instance was dement when the plaintiff knew that an application for leave to appeal was to be made and when time for such an application had not begun to run.

The rationale in both cases was that serving a defence might be a waste of costs and/or that serving a defence or applying for an exten-sion of time for service of a defence might constitute submission to the

His Lordship did not accept those submissions. The note in The Supreme Court Practice related only to the time before the sumunder Order 12, rule 8 had been decided by the judge at first in-

It was clear from Order 12, rule 8(6) that once a summons was dis-missed, a different regime came into being. A defendant's original notice of intention to defend ceased to be effective.
If a defendant then did nothing

lice in procuring the unlawful de-portation of Mr Mullen represent-

ed, in the view of the court, a bla-

to adhere to the rule of law with re-

gard to the production of a defend-

ant for prosecution in the English

duct on the part of those responsi-ble for criminal prosecutions was a

as appeared from R v Horseferry

Road Magistrates Court. Ex parte

Bennett (1994) I AC 42) and R v Lat-if (1996) I WLR 104), considerable weight was to be attached.

cretion had to be exercised on the basis that, but for the unlawful

manner of his deportation, he

would not have been in this coun-

try to be prosecuted and there was

a real prospect that he would never

have been brought to this country

age the voluntary disclosure before trial of material and information

in the hands of the prosecution rele-

vant to the defence was a matter of public policy to which it was also

necessary to attach great weight.

Omission to make such disclo-

sure was clearly a matter to be take

en into account on the exercise of

Additionally, the need to encour-

In those circumstances, the dis-

The need to discourage such con-

ment being entered against him. He could lodge another notice of in-tention to defend or a fresh acknowledgment of service. But in neither case was he protected if he appealed against refusal of an application to stay proceedings.

A defendant could protect himself in that situation by applying for a stay or by an application to ex-tend time for acknowledgement of service and by so doing could not be submitting to the jurisdiction. · His Lordship rejected the fur-

ther submission that if the defendants were not entitled to do nothing then the judge had not exercised his discretion correctly. It was not the judge's task to see

if there was a defence on the merits. The judge had exercised discre-tion on the defendants' submission that they were entitled to do noth ing. The matter could have ended

But his Lordship accepted the further affidavit evidence adduced with leave on the appeal that there was a serious delence on the merits. The appeal would, therefore, be allowed and the judgment set On the application for leave to

appeal against Mr Justice Gar-land's judgment. his Lordship not show that South Africa was a more appropriate forum than the UK for trial. The appeal would be

Lord Justice Judge agreed. Solicitors: Leigh Day & Co;

the court's discretion. Their Lord-

ships had no doubt that the discre-

tionary balance came down deci-

sively against the prosecution. The

trial was preceded by an abuse of

process which, had it come to light

at the time, as it would have done

had the prosecution made proper

voluntary disclosure, would prop-

erly have justified the proceedings

then being stayed.
Their Lordships concluded that

by reason of that abuse of process, the prosecution and therefore the

conviction of Mr Mullen was un-

In arriving at that conclusion,

their Lordships strongly empha

sised that nothing in the judgment

should be take to suggest that there

might not be cases, such as Latif,

in which the seriousness of the crime was so great relative to the

nature of the abuse of process that

it would be a proper exercise of ju-

dicial discretion to permit a prose-

cution to proceed or to allow a con-

In each case it was a matter of

discretionary balance to be ap-

proached with particular regard to the particular conduct complained

Solicitors: CPS, Headquarters:

and the particular

Christian Fisher & Co.

viction to stand.

lawful.

Regina v Manchester Crown Court, Ex parte R (Legal professional privilege) Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill.

Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice

Brian Smedley [Judgment February 2] A record of a client's appointment in a solicitor's appointments diary. or of the time of his attendance in an attendance note or fee charging sheet did not attract the protection of legal professional privilege and

might accordingly be the subject of an order for production by the solicitors under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, on an application for judicial review by an R, facing criminal charges, of the order of Judge Henshall, at Manchester Crown Court, made on the application of Greater Manchester Police

under section 9 of and Schedule I to the 1984 Act, directing producof the time of his attendance at their offices on December 22, 1997. On that date a fatally injured man was found outside premises believed to have left the scene by

er was traced who stated that he had taken a passenger at that time to specified solicitors' offices. In a police interview the applicant declined to answer questions and on June 12, 1998 the police ap-

plied for an order of production by the solicitors of any record or log recording the time of the applicant's arrival at the solicitors' offices. The judge, being satisfied that the first set of access conditions un-

der paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the 1984 Act were fulfilled and that ered by legal professional privi-lege, made the order sought. The solicitors confirmed that they had no such log and on July

20 the Crown sought clarification of the June order. The judge held that its ambit included any record disclosed the applicant's attendance, any attendance note to show whether or not he attended and any record in the form of an appointments diary showing the time he was to attend. if it was by prior appointment. The applicant challenged the

July order on the grounds that (i) it was different in kind from that onlyinally granted so that the judge should not have made it without first satisfying himself that the first set of access conditions were fulfilled and (ii) it required production of material subject to legal professional privilege.
The Divisional Court rejected.

ground (ii) but quashed the order on ground (i). Mr Timothy King, QC and Mr Ahmed Nadim for the applicant; Mr Clement Goldstone, QC and

Mr Adrian Farrow for the Crown. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE mission there were four possible categories of document in issue: the first was the sort of record, referred to in the June order, which had been shown not to exist here. but that in all probability there was a record of the applicant's attendance at the solicitors recording the approximate time of his attend ance, and fee charging sheets

which would show the time devot-

ed to the applicant's business and Mr King had submitted that apart from the first category, the others were protected from pro tion by legal professional privilege and he had laid particular stress on the definition of items subject to such privilege in section 10 of the 1984 Act which covered communigal adviser and his client made in connection with the giving of legal

He had referred to authority in support of his argument that the exsion was to be given a broad the court should not restrict the ambit of a privilege described as fun-damental to the administration of

In his Lordship's judgment it was important to remind oneself of the well established purpose of le-gal professional privilege: namely, to enable a client to make full dis-closure to his legal adviser for the

ving it might thereafter he subject to disclosure against his will. It was true that in Balabel v Air India (11988) Ch 317) the court had discountenanced a narrow or nitpicking approach to documents and had ruled out an approach

purposes of seeking advice without

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which took a record of a communication sentence by sentence, extending the cloak of privilege to one and withholding it from another. But it was none the less true that gal professional privilege applied only to communications made for

the purpose of seeking and receiving legal advice. In the present case, the court had to consider the function and nature of the documents which it was concerned. The

note, on a time sheet or fee record was not in any sense a communicapassed between the solicitor and the client and had nothing to do

with obtaining legal advice. It was the same sort of record as might arise if a call were made on a dentist or a bank manager. A record of an appointment did involve a communication between

the client and the solicitor's office

garded as made in connection with legal advice. So to hold would extend the scope of legal privilege far beyond its proper sphere. The applicant had argued that

the doctrine was to be applied on an all or nothing basis, that either to such privilege or none of it was. That was not so, and the proposition was not made good by Great Atlantic Insurance Co v Home In-

surance Co ([1981] 1 WLR 529). In the present case production was stught of nothing relating to le-gal advice or the subject matter of legal advice. Any such reference in. for example, an attendance note

could be covered up, blacked out or obliterated. The Crown had made it clear from the outset that they had no wish to go behind the veil which protected the exchanges between the applicant and his professional adviser with regard to his personal

Therefore subject to any neces sary obliteration there was nothing the documents to which the Crown sought access to which legal professional privilege could ap-

Mr Justice Brian Smedley

agreed. Solicitors: Kristina Harrison,

Council liable over bollard

Cassin v Bexley London Borough Council and Another Before Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Peter Gibson Dudgment February 81

A local highway authority which had arranged with the police to re-move objects on certain roads in advance of a march, to prevent their use as missiles, had responsibility for the safety of motorists on those roads so long as they were in use and had a duty not to remove those

objects until it was safe to do so. The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by the London Borough of Bedey against decision of Judge Marr-Johnson in Clerkenwell County Court on March 30, 1998 in which he alowed a claim by Stephen Cassin for personal injuries sustained in a motor cycle accident on Upper Wickham Lane, Bexley.

In 1993 the council and the Metropolitan Police made an arrangement whereby at a fixed time the council would remove certain objects along a route to be used for a march on the headouaners of the British National Party in Bexley to ensure that they were not used as

The "keep left" bollards on the destrian islands in the centre of the Wickham Lane were removed in accordance with the arrange-

Mr Cassin subsequently rode his motorcycle along the street before the march took place and

struck the plinth where the bol-lards had been. The judge found both the council and the Metropolitan Police liable for the plaintiff's injuries and awarded £67,070 dam

Mr Richard Methuen, OC and Mr Andrew Pickering for the council: Miss Leigh- Ann Mulcahy for the police: Mr James Laughland for Mr Cassin.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that the council submitted that it should have escaped liability alto gether, that its duty was to take reasonable care and that doing what the police told it to do, namely removing the bollards, was a proper

discharge of that duty. It was in the arrangement be tween the police and the council that the boliards were not to be removed until the road was closed to traffic. The decision to remove and make request to remove the bollards was wholly that of the police who alone had power to close the

road, the council said. His Lordship did not accept those submissions. According to the arrangement, the council was responsible for removing the bol-

The council's officers turned a request from the police to remove the bollards into an instruction by telling their contractors to remove them. The council did not itself have power to close the road, bu the council, as the highway authority, retained its duty to road users until the road was closed.

The council had a duty not to instruct its contractors to remove the either once the road was closed or after warnings had been posted that the bollards were being re-

The council officers had not in fact known whether the road was closed nor sought to ask the police if the road was closed. Consequently, by removing the bollards when traffic could still use

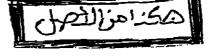
the road and without warning, the council had been in breach duty to ensure the safety of road us-LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-SON said that the council as highway authority had responsibil for the highway so long as it was in

had responsibility for removal of the bollards at the correct time. His Lordship did not accept that the police had power to order removal of the bollards. Rather the council had to remove them at the designated time.

it was plain that the council retained responsibility for the state of the highway so long as it was not closed and it was clear that the plinths constituted a hazard for mo-

Therefore both council and police retained liability and owed a duty of care.

Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gil-bert: Ponsford & Devenish Tiven-dale & Munday, Wimbledon: Rus-sell Jones & Walker.



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Net asset value: £5.001 billion (at March 31 1998) Net rental income: £414

million
Pre-tax profits: £266
million
Market capitalisation:
£4.48 billion

Employees: 577
Business: The company sepcialises in the development and ownership on commercial, industrial and retail property.

THE BOARD

Land Securities has a long-serving board and most executive directors have been with the company since the early 1970s. Ian Henderson, 54, chief executive, joined the company at the age of 26. He has been on the board since 1987 and became managing director in December 1997.

James Mistray, 51, finance director, joined 18 years ago and was appointed to the board in 1990. He is a member of the technical committee of The Hundred Group.

Peter Birch, 60, became non-executive chairman in July last year, four months after standing down as chief executive of Abbey National. He is also chairman of Trinity International and a director of N M Rothschild.

Michael Griffiths, 53, was appointed to the board in 1990 and has been working for the company for 25 years. He is responsible for Central London as well as project management.

Keith Redshaw, 52, has been with the company for 29 years and on the board for nine. He is a past president of the British Council of Shopping Centres and is now responsible for the retail portfolio and for properties outside London.

John Hull, 72, a non-executive director, was made deputy chairman 22 years ago and was chairman for eight months until July last year. He was a director of Legal & General and Lucas until 1990 and is deputy chairman of the Takeover Panel.

Peter Hardy, 59, has been a non-executive for the past seven years. He is a director of Kingfisher, Howard de Walden Estates and Ramardos.

onservative, worthy and dull — words people use to describe Land Securities and the choice of adjective depends on the affection in which Britain's largest quoted property company is held by the speaker.

Land Securities prides itself on its conservatism — it has had no disasters, no dividend cuts. Unlike scores of heavily indebted rivals, it rode through the property crash relatively unscathed, suffering only the hangover of buildings rented at peak rates in the late 1980s leading to a period of nilgrowth. Conservatism saved Land Securities from the embarrassment of overdevelopment that plagued MEPC, not to mention the debt crises that brought down Rosehaugh and Stanhope. The virtue of the gi-

and debts of just £1.5 billion.

But conservatism, as Disraeli observed, can be a barren thing and increasingly, people in the City are whispering that Land Securities has lost direction.

It is undergeared at a time

ant tortoise leaves it today

with £6.5 billion in real estate

when real estate is said to be due for a bond market-in-duced upward correction. Inflation, once the great rescue of landed fortunes, is weak and likely to remain so. John Atkins at Commerzbank notes that Land Securities's rating has slipped markedly over the past three months, performing worse than the sector average. In essence, many investors are now plumping for the third epither. Land Securities is dull.

It was not always so. The

company's reluctance to make grand gestures is attributed to its founder, Harold Samuel (later Lord Samuel of Wych Cross) who paid £20,000 for Land Securities Investment Trust in 1944. It then owned a few houses in Kensington but by the end of 1969 it was already a behemoth of its day with profits of £4 million and a portfolio worth more than E500 million. A glance at the furious pace of activity in those early years suggests that Harry Samuel's conservatism is a myth. It is true that he was conservative about debt, borrowing long and at keen rates to fund his investments.

However, he was aggressive and built up his empire with takeovers, even enjoying a tilt at the Savoy Group. Land Securities built up a share stake in 1953, only to be thwarted when Savoy issued special shares with higher voting powers.

Samuel was forced to concede defeat but Land Securities made a £100,000 profit on its 37 per cent interest. The importance of Harry Samuel to Land Securities is his extraordinary legacy. A guided tour of postwar British urban architecture

CORPORATE PROFILE: Land Securities





Ian Henderson, chief executive of Land Securities, in his office that overlooks the Strand in London. The company made its name in the postwar boom created by interventionist governments with bureaucracies that needed to be housed. It also worked with local authorities to rebuild bombed-out city centres

would be a depressing experience but you would see much of the work of Samuel and Land Securities. Samuel concluded that the postwar interventionist governments would create huge bureaucracies and he set about housing them.

An early creation was Ravenseft Properties, which worked in partnership with local authorities in the 1950s to rebuild bombed-out city centres, erecting shopping malls in Hull, Exeter, Plymouth, Bristol and Coventry. At the same time Samuel was snapping up sites in Central London, buying buildings in Berkeley Square, Petty France, Portman Square, Oxford Street and Victoria.

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In 1968, Samuel did the biggest property deal of his day, buying City Centre Properties for £155 million. A year later he outbid MEPC, Trafalgar House and Oldham Estates to take control of City of London Real Property Company, bring-

ing the grim 1960s government office complex of Stag Place in Westminster under his control. Today, the company is assiduously cultivating its extensive gardens, turning up its nose at the hurly-burly dealing world that swims at its feet.

The man who has inherited Samuel's chief executive mantle is Ian Henderson. He succeeded Sir Peter Hunt, Samuel's protege and successor, when Sir Peter died suddenly in December 1997.

Mr Henderson has an answer prepared for those who question what the rationale is for such a sprawling property colossus. "This is a magure in-

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could go the way that sentiment turned against M&S. Land Securities has kept out of trouble in votatile markets but keeping out of trouble in normal markets does not get you any fans"

John Atlans, Commerciantk

"Who is the natural owner of property? The institutions have got the money but they don't want to own it directly. They

would rather have it in securitised form, so Land Securities has a role. The question is whether it is the right structure?"

Alec Pelmore, Merrill Lynch
"It's very dull, it's very sober, it's undergeared and it lacks any original direction. Land Securities is powerfully placed but

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

w?"
Alan Carter, Credit Suisse First Boston

become urban regeneration. That is where we have particular expertise," By urban regeneration, he does not mean slum clearance and housing for the poor. Land Securities wants to build better shopping in decaying town centres. It is in line with government policy and all the initiatives aimed at cutting back on the queues of

dustry. Our raison d'étre will

cutting back on the queues of cars streaming into out-oftown malls. It is also a return to the past. He points out that Land Securities was built on sound finance backed with government lettings, urban re-

generation and new towns.

Today, the company is rebuilding the decaying towncentre retail precincts of the 1950s and 1960s. Land Securities has a large development programme, part-financed by selective sales of overrented London office buildings. It is building the Coppergate Centre in York, another retail de-

velopment in Exeter, and the

second phase of a retail development in Sunderland.

Henderson is a scathing of the big out-of-town malls and plugs the variety on offer in city centres. Few would disagree but will cosier town centres make big bucks for Land Securities? One of its schemes in Birmingham, the one million sq ft Martineau Galleries development, is stalled pending resolution of a tussle with Hammerson, which coincidentally plans to redevelop the Bull Ring shopping centre. Two such schemes cannot go ahead at once, not least as they will both be courting the top retailers as tenants, the same old shop multiples that cre-

ate such dull out-of-town malls. There is also a touch of self-justification in Land Securities' affection for town centres. Sir Peter, Henderson's predecessor, had the foresight to invest heavily in retail parks, building up probably the largest portfolio in the UK, worth £800 million but he missed out

on the malls. The company spurned an opportunity to take part in John Hall's Metro Centre in Gateshead and has not made its presence felt in bids for big centres.

not made its presence left in bids for big centres. The Land Securities top brass are well aware of the difficulties ahead. As Jim Murray, linance director, puts it: "If you are looking at 1-2 per cent inflation, you have got to get it right

if you want carnings growth."
In Land Securities terms, the traditional response bas been to avoid making wrong decisions rather than finding the big bold idea. Land Securities could raise El billion tomorrow to fund a big deal but on such a scale mistakes become noticeable and it is scarcely suprising if Mr Henderson and his colleagues prefer to hold on to the cash and redevelop Harry Samuel's well-chosen city centre plots Unland commentators suggest that Land Securities is becoming even more of a property civil service.

Land Securities has come to a crossroads, facing a market distrustful of property companies, yet demanding high returns while offering no inflationary palliative. It needs to define its role better but lacking big blots on its copybook, it fears change. As one analyst puts it: "It's like ICI or Sainsbury's, once things start to slip, it is terribly hard to turn round."

Intergrity Works, in giving an ethical expression rating of six, says that Land Securities has a business ethics policy and a supporting framework. However it may need to consider publicising its ethical expression more vigorously to meet present day calls for greater and greater transparency.

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Crisp Consulting gives the company a fat cat rating of ten out of ten. It says that given his experience and the company's profile, lan Henderson's pay of £343,000 is well below the £1 million plus found in comparable FTSE 100 companies. The non-executive directors are similarly underpaid.

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THE VERDICT

Ethical expression¹... Fat-cat quotient10/10 Financial record 6/10 Share performance.. Attitude to staff...... ..8/10 Strength of brand... ... 4/10 Innovation...... Annual report...... City star rating.. . 3/10 Future prospects. ...5/10 ..60/100 Total..... Ethical expression is evaluated by lintegrity Works. The fai-cat quo-tient, in which test boardroom pay practice scores highest, is provided by *Crisia Consulting.

Shorewood reviews bid for Field

By Our City Staff

INVESTORS in Field Group could learn today whether America's Shorewood will increase the value of its bid for the UK packaging company. The Shorewood board is expected to meet today after Fri-

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Chesapeake's first bid for Field, recommended by the board of the UK company in January, was worth 320p a share. This was trumped by Shorewood, with an offer

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worth 350p. The latest offer from Chesapeake is worth 360p a share, a premium of 59 per cent to the Field share price before the bid battle began.

Frank Knight, chairman of Field, said the board was unanimous in recommending acceptance of Chesapeake's im-

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proved terms. However, it is possible that Shorewood may yet return with a counterbid

this week.

Field, which specialises in printed folding cartons, saw its shares plunge late last year after a profit warning. In 1998 the shares traded as low as 145%p.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US Dollar

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0.6924 (+0.0036) Exchange index 100.2 (-0.5)

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ECB under pressure to cut euro rates

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

POLITICAL pressure is mount- be raised, regardless of Maasing for a cut in euro interest rates when the European Central Bank's governing council meets in Frankfurt this week. France and Germany want the bank's refinancing rate to Duisenberg has already said be cut from 3 per cent to 2.5 per cent at the council meeting on that pressure from Herr Lafont-

Thursday to stimulate flagging economic growth in euroland. Both Japan and Sweden trimmed rates on Friday. Traders are betting, however, that Wim Duisenberg, the ECB's self-consciously independent president, will resist calls for a

cut this time.

Demands for swift action have come primarily from Oskar Lafontaine, Germany's Finance Minister and Dominique Strauss-Kahn, his French

eguivalent. They believe that this week is the first occasion on which there has been a chance of further movement. The ECB cut its rate from 3.5 to 3 per cent a few weeks before the introduction of the euro on January 1 but said it would maintain this rate for some time to allow the new currency an early period

of stability.
Last week, Herr Lafontaine
warned his fellow EU finance
ministers that any delay in cutting interest rates would be dangerous because recession in Asia, Russia and Brazil was rapidly causing a "demand shock" in Europe. He hinted that if monetary policy did not cushion the fall in demand, public spending would have to

tricht rules on budget deficits. ECB sources have hinted in response, however, that political arm-twisting could delay a cut rather than hasten it. Mr

decision to cut rates harder. that what France and Germany want is not necessarily right for euroland. Countries such as Italy. Spain and the Republic of Ireland are benefiting from much bigger interest rate cuts in the run-up to mone-

aine last autumn made the last

tary union. The weakness of the euro gives the ECB a further reason for inaction. The new currency has lost 4 per cent of its value against the dollar in six weeks and 2 per cent against sterling. This unexpected move helps euroland manufacturers.

A more likely spur to action may come next month, when the European Commission is due to update its 1999 economic forecasts. Projections of 2.5 to 2.6 per cent growth in the full EU area this year are certain to be revised down.

David Hale, chief economist of the Zurich Group, expects Europe to grow at no more than 1.8 per cent. John Shepperd, of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, sees only 1.7 per cent growth in euroland itself. Many economists agree that the ECB is most likely to cut its key interest rate by a quarter point only in either March or April.



All Saints have been unable to bring out any official merchandise because of the dispute with All Saints Clothing

All Saints Clothing sues pop group

BY FRASER NELSON

ALL SAINTS, the all-girl pop group, have been served a High Court writ by All Saints Clothing & Design, a small London fashion house.

Smart Trevor, who took out the trademark to All Saints in 1994, is seeking an injunction that would stop the pop group from producing any merchan-dising for their forthcoming UK tour.

He is suing each of the four girls personally along with De-Lux, a company that makes merchandise for pop groups and acts for All Saints. He said: "I know they are also interested in selling baggy trousers and fleeces — that's part of what we do. I believe they are in production now.
"If I don't do this now. I may as well cease trading today.

We were well established in the clothing business before they came along."

Jeremy Joseph, managing di-rector, of De-Lux said: "I really can't say anything about this. We've never been involved in a legal dispute before."
All Saints Clothing runs

boutique in the West End of London. Its clients include Robbie Williams, the singer who is engaged to Nicole Appleton from All Saints. Talks about a licensing deal broke down after the group's representatives described Mr Trevor's terms as "ludicrous".

The dispute has so far stopped the group from bringing out any official All Saints merchandise — depriving standards of the s them of millions of pounds in

Management pay £85m for Safetynet

SAFETYNET, which provides disaster recovery services for bank dealing rooms, has been acquired by its management for £85 million.

A management team led by Paul Barry-Walsh, managing director, will own 55 per cent of the company. 3i, which led the transaction, will hold 20 per cent, while Reuters emerges with a 25 per cent interest. The deal is expected to be

confirmed today. Safetynet was one of the first companies to offer so-called financial business continuity services and is a leading provider of bank dealing room disaster recovery services. It has trebled its facilities in the past 18 months by opening two new recovery centres in Central London and new sites in Manchester and Frankfurt.

It has also acquired a 28,000

sq ft bank dealing recovery centre in London, formerly owned by MCI WorldCom. After a £10 million investment programme. Safetynet now has eight recovery centres in the UK, with additional sites in Tokyo, Frankfurt, Madrid and Paris, giving total capacity of more than 2,000 positions across 150,000 sq ft of premises and 200 front office positions. Reuters took an initial stake

in Safetynet in 1993.

Crest to cut. cost for individuals

CRESTCO, the company that operates the recently launched Crest settlement system for the UK securities market is to haive the cost of membership for private investors (Caroline Merrell writes).

The charge will come down from £20 to £10 per year, effec-tive from July 1. The cut in cost comes after fears that private investors were not using the service because it was too

tion move up a gear.

Heads of the oneworld com-

panies, which also include Qantas, Cathay Pacific, Cana-dian Airlines and Finnair,

The alliance, launched last

covers 632 destinations in 138

meet in Sydney today, when state-owned Iberia will be wel-Crest claims that the significant reduction in charges comed into the fold. will make brokers more willing to offer Crest personal membership to their private September, combines the airlines' timetables and frequent fiver programmes. It already

Iberia climbs on board oneworld alliance

BY MARTIN BARROW

IBERIA. Span's flagship air-line, will today formally join the oneworld marketing allicountries, rivalling the Star alliance led by America's United Airlines and Lufthansa, Germany's flagship airline. Iberia's inclusion follows ance alongside British Airways as plans for its privatisa-

last Friday's agreement with BA, giving the UK airline a 9 per cent stake in the Spanish carrier. American Airlines also took a l per cent stake.

The deal was valued at about £200 million but the final cost will be determined when the value of the Amadeus computer reservation system, in which Iberia has a 29.2

per cent interest, is established. The Spanish Government ex-

pects the partial privatisation of Iberia to take place later this year, when the airline is likely to be valued at about £2.5 bil lion. The Government will sell an initial 30 per cent interest to institutional investors.

The Spanish airline is smaller than its new partners, with only about 200 aircraft and 95 routes. It transports 26.5 million passengers a year, as well vas more than 200,000 tonnes of cargo. In 1996 it returned to profit after seven years of losses. Last year net profit doubled to more than 35 billion pesetas

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Thy are businessmen so gloomy about the economic outlook? According to most business surveys, we should expect an outright recession this year. On the whole, though, economists are less pessimistic, and the Bank of England last week expressed the view that a recession would probably be avoid-

rd. Do you find that reassuring? It used to be an article of faith among professional economists that surveys should be accorded little weight. Better to stick to the hard, official data and to use that as inputs into conventional eco-nomic forecasting models. But it emerged that some surveys, nota-bly the CBI Industrial Trends Survey, had a very good forecasting record, and more recently the official data on almost everything have been shrouded in varying de grees of darkness. So now when the surveys tell you something stark about the future, you should sit up and take notice.

You can still try to play down the CBI Industrial Trends Survey because it refers solely to manufac-

Seeing the glass as half empty turing, which now represents less than a quarter of the economy. and whose relationship with the rest may have changed. Yet the

service sector surveys are also pret-ty dire. Perhaps they are taking their cue from the mass of news reports and commentary about the difficult world situation. They may reflect an overestimation of the effects of the crises in Asia. Russia. Brazil and elsewhere on the inhabitants of number 39 Acacia Avenue, Croydon. Or perhaps the surveys are re-vealing businessmen's lack of

faith in the MPC. Having listened to the mantra that the Bank would do all it could to prevent inflation, they have not anticipated that the MPC would be ready to reduce interest rates as boldly as it has.

What all these explanations have in common is the conclusion that the surveys are misleading.

and that the future will not turn out to be as bad. That would be a comfortable result — which is one of the reasons why I am suspicious. I am particularly mindful that few economists saw the 1990-92 recession coming, and even when it was upon them, they grossly underestimated its severi-. Yet at the time, much of the anecdotal evidence from business was very gloomy. Is it simply that ROGER business pessimism turns out to be self-fulfilling? Or were busi-BOOTLE nessmen picking up something that the economists were missing? Conventional economic forecast-

ing is based on the presumption

that relationships which held good in the past will hold good in

the future. But when there is a fun-

damental change, such model-

based predictions break down.

The principle thing that forecast-

ers missed about the 1990-92 reces-



sion in the UK was the emergence of negative equity in the housing market and the severity of its effect upon consumers' expenditure. Could there be something similar at work now? One thing you can be sure of: it won't be the same factor. Not only is widespread neg-

ative equity unlikely, but the fore-

casters are on to this one now. It

will be something different. You are going to ask what it might be. I confess, I do not know — though I do have some general ideas.

We live in a period of enormous

structural change. Even though the results may eventually be massively beneficial, change is unsettling and there are bound to be losers as well as winners. Perhaps businessmen's gloom and consumers' cau-tion is a reflection of the clarity of the losses contrasted with the opaqueness of the possible gains.

You can see the negatives everywhere. Not only is manufacturing beset by strong sterling and global overcapacity, but financial services are facing increasing competition. Some large retailers, including those mainstays of the past, J Sainsbury and Marks & Spencer. are reeling. In several sectors, even when the business is there, it is difficult to make it sufficiently

profitable. Meanwhile, businessmen can see serious threats to their future. The dominant mood is corporate insecurity.

What's more, this mood affects employees. That could be why consumers' expenditure is weaker than you would expect on the basis of current income and wealth. More and more people do not expect things to carry on quite as be-fore, and that includes the security of their jobs and the value of their prospective pensions. They can see the downsides of the structural changes happening in society but they cannot yet see the upsides.

That is not how it works in America. No country is further ahead in the structural change stakes, yet you do not see signs of gloom and doom in business or among consumers. Quite the opposite. Doubtless, this is partly because the economy has been powering ahead so strongly, but that merely serves to restate the question.

Some of the answer might be innate American optimism. hut there is surely something else. It is difficult to be gloomy about the im-plications of structural change when the benefits, including the sources of new employment and new wealth, are everywhere to be seen. In America, whatever the new technology takes away with one hand it more than gives back with the other.

The superstars of the stock market have been the Internet stocks. and mega-wealthy individuals are increasingly to be found among the owners of new, high-tech or information-based businesses.

There are no comparable examples on this side of the Atlantic. Unlike Americans, we may need to experience recovery from recession before we can feel buoyant about our future in the new economy. My suspicion is that the surveys are picking up something real about the state of confidence and that the professional forecasters will be caught flat-footed — again.

Wright sells £5m Chrysalis shares

CHRIS WRIGHT, chairman of Chrysalis, has raised a further £5.6 million through the sale of shares in his media group (Martin

Barrow writes).
Mr Wright, who sold shares worth £4.5 million a year ago to help to settle the bill for his divorce, sold 750,000 shares at 750p each. representing 2.39 per cent of the company. The share sale, announced after the formal Stock Exchange close on Friday, reduces Mr Wright's shareholding to below 30 per cent.

Chrysalis shares have enjoyed a good run in the new year rising from 634p. amid renewed interest in the sector. Mr Wright's remaining shares are now worth about £70 million, even though the company, which has been investing heavily in its diverse media interests. has made a profit in only one year out of the past five.

Mr Wright is a prominent investor in Loftus Road. parent company of Queens Park Rangers, the football club, and in Wasps, the rug-

Eurofighter consortium set for £2.8bn order from Greece

By Martin Barrow

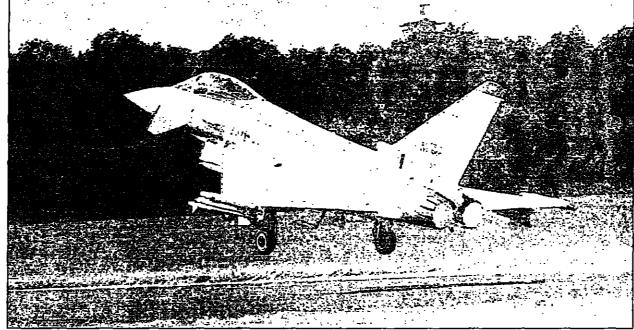
GREECE is expected to confirm today that it is ready to order up to 80 Eurofighter air-

The £2.8 billion contract will represent the largest export order won so far by the European consortium, of which British Aerospace is a member.

However. Greece is placing the order for Eurofighters against the wishes of the country's military hierarchy, which wanted the Government to buy American-built F15s.

Military sources said the armed forces wanted to order 35 F15 aircraft from Boeing and the replacement or renovation of many F16 aircraft made by Lockheed Martin, and of Mirage 2000 aircraft by Dassault, which have aged or been lost in use. Although Greece also

looked at buying more Mirage jets from France and also considered the Russian-made Sukhoi, the Greek military held that the FI5 was the bestperforming aircraft available. However, the Government ruled that the aircraft would bust the country's defence budget, with 40 FI5s costing close to \$3.8 billion (about £2.33 billion).



The Typhoon fighter aircraft was chosen by the Greek Government because it beat the American-built FIS on price

The choice of a new fighter aircraft is part of a massive effort to modernise the Greek armed forces at a cost of more than £10 billion, which was agreed in November 1996. The purchase of the Eurofighter, now known as the Tv-

phoon, will also impose financial constraints on the Greek defence ministry, but the country wants to open talks as soon as possible with the Eurofighter members, comprising Britain. Germany. Italy and Spain, over funding.

Delivery of the Typhoon would begin in 2005. Until then production lines at British Aerospace and its partners, comprising Dasa, Alenia and Casa, are committed to producing 610 of the aircraft for their domestic air

forces, including 232 for Britain.Greece also ratified an earlier decision to buy 11 French short-range Crotale missile bancries, made by Thomson-CSF, and 45 T6A trainer aircraft made by Raytheon, of

Ladbroke hit by US double whammy

By DOMINIC WALSH

LADBROKE, the hotel and gaming group that is poised to take over Stakis, has suffered a blow to its US gaming ambitions by being forced to pull out of an \$80 million (£50) million) deal to acquire the Bicycle Club, a Los Angeles card club.

The deal, which had been under discussion for more than two years, was scuppered by a combination of new annismoking laws, the effects of the Asian crisis on high-stakes gaming and new rules allowing Culifornia's Indian tribes to

develop Las Vegas-style casinos. The same factors have prompted Ladbroke to reduce its exposure to the San Pablo Card Club, near San Francisco, where trading is proving difficult. It has agreed to sell the club for just over its \$28 million book value to an Indian tribe while retaining the contract to operate it. Ladbroke is prevented from operating slot ma-chines, but the implementation of the so-called Proposition 5 legislation allows tribal owners to do so. The sale, which gets round that barrier, is expected to take 12 months to complete.

A spokesman for Ladbroke said the negotiations to acquire the Bicycle Club from the Justice Department, which seized the venue in 1990 amid allegations of drugs money laundering, had become "an administrative, regulatory and licening nightmare. He added: "The author, for our clubs in California has deteriorated. We have taken these steps in response to that situation."

Analysis interpreted the moves as a setback to Ladbroke's ambitions to create a significant presence in the US gaming industry. Although it completed the \$87 million acquisition of the Colorado Gaming and Entertainment Co in August, in the profit estimates accompanying last week's Stakis offer document the group admined that profitabiliy from the business - Colorado's biggest casino operator -"has not yet met expectations" due to poor weather.

Although its racetracks in California and Pennsylvania "performed satisfactorily", a third track in Detroit was closed at the end of last year.

New fund chases corporate cash

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE City's appetite for share buybacks has prompted the launch of a new fund today which offers companies with a large cash pile a low-risk alternative to cash deposits. Fears that the economy has

peaked have led corporations to consider buying back their own stock as a way of increasing shareholder value. Many have built up cash reserves for this purpose but are receiving relatively low returns on their holdings

Therefore, Merrill Lynch

Mercury Asset Management (MLMAM) has launched a US-style short-term institutional liquidity fund as an alternative to cash deposits.

The funds, in sterling, dollars and euros, aim to achieve returns in excess of the rates available on the interbank deposit market. They are aimed at corporations, insurance companies and pension funds in the UK. Anthony Simpson. head of MLMAM's client business in the UK, said cash levels in FTSE 350 companies, excluding financials, now exceeds £65 billion.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 32 **TERNAR**

(b) A student of the third or lowest rank at St Andrew's. and in other Scottish universities. From the Latin ternarius, ternary. "Men who could afford to pay a Secondar's fee often entered themselves as ter-

URSINE

(b) Of or pertaining to, characteristic of, due to, a bear or bears. Ursus is a bear in Latin. and the Romance languages are full of its fallout. "Quotations from Scripture as to the ursine fate of prophet-mock-

TEFF

(b) The principal cereal of Abvssinia, Poa (Éragrostis) abyssinica, producing minute red or white grains from which bread is made. Introduced elsewhere as a fodder plant. From the Amharic and Tigre names. "There are three kinds of meal made from teff, of which the best is as white as flour, the second is of a browner colour, and the last is nearly black."

TURLOUGH

(c) The Gaelic word for a brook, ground covered with water in winter and dry in summer. From tur whole, absolute, entire + loch a lake or pool. "When the water during floods rises in the shallow hol lows, it overflows the adjoining lands, forming the furloughs, which are usually lakes in winter and callows in

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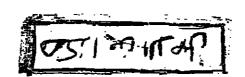
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Chronic ailments: the NHS has been an undoubted success and helped to increase the length and quality of people's lives, but is bedevilled by long waiting lists

Time to take the scalpel to a stricken patient

The vision held by the founders of the National Health Service some 51 years ago was that healthcare should be available to all, irrespective of their financial standing, at the time of need and free of charge. It was - and remains - a compelling vision. And despite the criticism levelled at the NHS today, there is no doubt that over the half century the British people have en-joyed a level of health provi-sion that has generally served them well and been delivered at modest economic cost.

In recent years, and at increasingly frequent intervals. the question arises as to whether the NHS in its present form can continue to meet the reasonable expectations of us all. I am beginning to doubt that that can be the case.

snoula anyone doubt The first reason is because of changing demographics. The very success of the health service in extending life expectancy brings with it additional pressures. Since the foundation of the National Health Service. the proportion of people over 65 years old in the United Kingdom has increased by more than 60 per cent, and of those over 75 years by close to 80 per cent. Studies have shown that the 65 to 74 age group absorb about three times the resources per head that the 5 to 65 age group do: the over 75 age Sir David Barnes, chairman of AstraZeneca, in a plea for a long-overdue remedy, argues that we should open our minds to new and radical ways of funding the health service

group absorb about eight That is not the case today. I live in Oxfordshire, my daugh-ter in Cheshire, my son in Calitimes as much resource. To a significant extent, our attitude to these changes will fornia, my brother in Dendepend on our own positionmark and my sister in the Isle ing in those age groups. It is, of course, one thing to have exof Man. Although our relationships remain strong, distance tended life but quite another to makes the provision of close ensure that that extended life supportive care an impossibiliis also a quality one. I do not think that I had heard of Alzhety. Among my contemporaries, this geographic scatter is a imer's disease until 15 years common experience. ago. Today, both within and

Important as demographic change and increased social without the family, it is somemobility are in terms of inthing that is increasingly reme cemano This is a single example of a healthcare, they are much less condition associated with senilsignificant than the increased ity: there are many more. intensity of healthcare. What Clearly then, demographic do I mean by "increased intenchange is a factor that will consity"? New technology and new products continue to be tinue to place strain on the welcomed because they pro-vide improved methods of available health resources. Increased social mobility adds to the strain of changed treatment, or treatment for the demographics. Fifty-one years first time, of conditions that ago families tended to live in were previously untreatable the same geographical area and in many cases would have

and were able to support those led to earlier death. individuals who became inrofessor Christiaan creasingly frail or required Barnard caused the day-to-day or hour-to-hour supervision within the family. whole world to wonder at his skill when he undertook the first human heart transplant, but today those techniques have been developed and extended to the point where heart transplant surgery has become almost routine. It is, of course, an expensive procedure in itself and the need for the life-long provision of anti-rejection drugs

places additional strain on health budgets. There are thousands of pa-tients who would benefit today from a cardiac transplant the only limitation is the availability of suitable donor hearts. If that limitation were to be suddenly removed, then the ability to fund heart transplants would become the limiting factor (assuming enough skilled medical staff were available). Similarly, the technology exists today to treat the vast ma-jority of patients suffering from kidney failure either through dialysis or through kidney transplants. Increasing-

an economic one. As a young man, I recall people wondered and were amazed at the success of the Charnley hip joint operation. Today the technology exists to provide all who need hip joint replacements with relief -(also knee joints and finger

joints) — but patients are being

ly the limitation is becoming

cause of economic limitation. There are many additional examples of intensive medical care that one could cite. Such as the resources devoted to children who are many weeks premature at birth; or those who have cardiac bypass surgery. The list is increasingly a long one. Each of us is consoled by the thought that these technological advances are available today, should we have the

need to resort to them. It is difficult for any individchanging what is regarded as a reasonable expectation. Un-

Under the Medisave scheme every working individ-ual is required by law to con-tribute to Medisave under his

or her own personal account. Such contributions are shared equally between the employer and the employee, are taxexempt and, better still, earn interest. Instead of the flat type of national insurance contribution that we are used to here in the UK that disappears into a general fund, each individual has his or her personal account. This account can be used to pay for the individual's medical treatment over and above the state-subsidised level, and can be used to cover the expenses of other members of the family should there be a need to "top up" that family account. In th event of death, any credit in the fund forms part of the estate of the deceased and can be passed in the same way as other assets to beneficiaries.

Medisave, Medishield and

Medifund are the three key

Medishield is a basic lowcost catastrophic illness insurance scheme to help Medisave members meet medical expenses arising from serious or prolonged illness. While Medisave is compulsory for all workers. Medishield is an elective scheme. Annual premiums are standardised by age group. with the premium increasing from S\$12 per annum for those aged up to 30, to S\$132 per annum for those aged over 65. Medishield pays 80 per cent of excess medical costs above a

certain deductible level. Finally. Medifund is an endowment fund set up specifically to help the poor and needy of Singapore who are unable to finance their medical care in any other way. The fund was established by the Government and only interest income from the endowment fund is used to pay hospital bills for the indigent sector.

No system can be described as perfect or free of flaws. Here in the UK those who can afford it can provide the equivalent of the Singapore Medishield benefits through private healthcare insurance. What is perhaps frustrating for individual nationts is the feeling that they have in many cases over several decades paid their national insurance contributions but are unable to access the "individual credit balance" that they feel should exist in their name at the time of need. The Singapore healthcare system would seem to have a distinct advantage here.

Phatever else. feel that there is a need to establish a greater element of consumer franchise at the basic primary care level. I would like to use my personal account credits to select the general practitioner who was to be responsible for my treatment. Most of us have no such choice today. We are allocated to a particular practice or doctor. Elements of the Medisave and Medishield systems would improve access to healthcare since the gateway

is at the primary care/general practitioner level. But, of course, any politician who suggests such a move would quickly be accused of privatising the NHS. Until that mindset changes, we are trapped in a downward spiral of reducing access to healthcare.

☐ Tomorrow. Greg Dyke on making the NHS better.



Bodgit and Scarper plc

Raising the Roof BBC2, 8.00pm

Home improvers come under Paul Kenyon's penetrating scrutiny tonight and he continues his horribly entertaining series about the grubbier aspects of the housing business. Entertaining, that is, if you have not been a victim. Kenyon's latest report includes a figure familiar from many a consumer investigation, he who does his worst and these course her best control council into by deliberthen covers his back against complaints by deliberately (and legally) going out of business and starting up under another name. This time it is the director of a conservatory company, who to the dismay of his customers reinvents himself having left a trail of useless guarantees. We also meet the salesman who tries to persuade customers to buy his kitchens by breaking down in tears and a kitchen company whose manager has assaulted visitors to the showroom.

Channel 5, 8.30pm

Yet another documentary series about sick animals suggests either that Channel 5 is running short of ideas or that it is not ashamed to steal a good formula. Narrated by Tom Conti, but with no Rolf Harris figure to pull things together on screen, Animal ER is based in a veterinary practice in Salisbury which is open 24 hours a day throughout the year and treats sick cats and ailing racehorses with equal facility. Tonight's cat is pregnant and has been behaving oddly, while the racehorse has something wrong with its gut. There is also a dog brought in after being badly injured in a road accident. These three stories are crisply intercut accident. These three stories are crisply intercut with a fourth, about a tricky operation to remove an eyeball from a young calf which threatens to end in tears for the animal's eight-year-old owner.

Cry of the Bittern Radio 4, 10.45am

A three-part thriller by Caleb Ranson, a writer new to television, is set in a perfect Cotswold village where superficially all is calm and contemment. Where supernically an is cann and containment.

But not for long. Hardly have the villagers finished celebrating Harvest Festival than an eight-year-old girl goes missing and the police are dragging the reservoir for her body. Anonymous letters impli-

The drama series slot at the end of Woman's Hour has produced some excellent work and judged by its opening this sounds like another good example.

Cry of the Bittern comes from the Pebble Mill stable where the The Archers is produced and the producer of this series is Vanessa Whitburn, editor

of The Archers. The story is billed as part environ-mental mystery, part love story and certainly there is a modern, and convincing, ring to the tale of a couple whose relationship is already under strain when a collision in their professional lives — he works for a comment wanting to build a buse new

works for a company wanting to build a huge new development in rural Norfolk, she works for the

environment agency in the same county — threatens to make the split permanent.

Amanda Burton and Paul McGann star in the tense new drama Forgotten (ITV, 9pm)

cate Ben Turner (Paul McGann), who has a happy family life and an agreeable job running the secondhand bookshop. Seemingly unconnected, but connoisseurs of television mysteries will not be fooled, is the arrival of Rachel Monroe (Amanda Burton), a figure from Turner's darker past. Ranson juggles his narrative with skill, telling us enough to hold the attention but leaving plenty of questions tantalisingly unanswered.

Cutting Edge: Clapham Common Channel 4, 9.00pm

Channel 4, 9.00pm

The Ron Davies episode was bound to send film-makers scurrying to the scene of his downfall and Paddy Wivell makes no attempt to disguise the fact that Davies was his peg. Lurid tabloid headlines about the former Welsh Secretary confront the regulars in the Clapham Common cafe and part of Davies's resignation speech is played on the sound-track. But this is merely the prelude to a broadbrushed impression, delivered without commentary, of the common and the people who frequent it. The area's reputation as a rendezvous for gay men is not ignored. As one of them says, they are not here for a Bible class. But there is a more to Clapham Common than that. Wivell homes fruit-Clapham Common than that. Wivell homes fruitfully in on the cafe, which is run by a former ice-cream millionaire and is the focus for the sort of quiricy characters that documentary makers must dream about. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Tuning Into Children

Radio 4, 11.00am The half-term starting point for this series may be assumed to be coincidental because the target audience is parents, grandparents and child care profesence is parents, granuparents and child care processionals. The six programmes aim to improve our understanding of what happens to children between birth and five years old. The programmes are themed, starting today with Time to Talk, Time to Play, in which Kirsty Wark talks to brain scientists and child psychologists about the key role of stimulation in child development. The series responsibilities a pocket book, written by Libby Purves of The Times and Dorothy Selieck of the National Children's Bureau, which is available at £5.99 from BBC Education, PO Box 20, Tonbridge, TNi2 6WU.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30em Zoe Ball 9.00 Mark Goodler 12.00pm Kavin Greening 2.00 Mark Raddille 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Lamacq Live. With Pulp and a look at Radiohead's The Bends in Essential Albums 12.00em The Breezeblock 2.00 Clive Warren 4.00 Scoti Mills

RADIO 2 (BBC)

Mark Lamen: Shake, Ratile and Roll (4/10) 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.00em Katrina Leskenich 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Moming Reports 6.00 Breaklast with Julian Worticker and Victoria Derbyshire 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00pm The Middley News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive with Paler Allen and Jene Garvey 7.00 News Extra 7.30 A Perfect Match. A romantic look at soccer 8.00 Trevor Brooking's Footbell Night 10.00 Late Night Live with Nick Robinson 1.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00mm The Big Boys Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00pm Let's Talk Soap 1.00 Arms Raeburn 3.00 Peter Deeley 5.00 The SportZone 8.00 James Whale 1.00mm Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night

VIRGIN

6.30mm Chris Evans 9.30 Mark Forrest 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Hamet Scott 6.45 Peter and Geoff 10.00 James Mentit 1.00mm Steve Power 4.30 Richard Allen

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Newstalk 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 Record News 8.20 Oit the Sheft: Ceptain Corell's Mandolin 8.35 Health Matters 9.00 World News 9.05 Westway Access 9.20 The Virtage Chart Show 8.05 Sports Found-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Enitem Today 10.45 The Farming World 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Pick of the World 12.00pm Vorld News 12.05 Outlook 12.45 Sports Flound-Up 1.00 Newsdesh 12.05 Outlook 12.45 Sports Flound-Up 1.00 Newsdeshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Health Matters 2.30 Meridian 3.00 World News 3.05 Sports Floundup 3.15 Record News 3.30 Composer of the Month 4.00 World News 7.15 Insight 4.30 Muttitrack H4-List 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Round-Up 6.00 World News 7.05 Health Matters 7.30 Clouded Big Thing 7.00 World News 7.05 Health Matters 7.30 Clouded Hills 7.45 Off the Shelf: Captain Corell's Mendolin 8.00 Newshour 9.00 World News 9.05 World Business Report 9.20 Britain Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 World News 10.15 Sports Round-Up 10.30 Multitrack: H8-List 11.00 World News 11.05 Cution 12.00am The World Today 12.30 Health Matters 12.55 My Cantury 1.00 The World Today 1.30 Westway 1.45 Record News 2.00 The World Today 2.30 The Ned Eig Thing 3.00 The World Today 3.20 Sports Round-Up 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00em Nick Beiley's Easier Breaklast. Fewourte musical works, plus regular information updates 8.00 Henry Kelly. The Half of Farne Hour and Record of the Week 12.00pm Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents listeners' tavourtes 2.00 Concerto. Rachmenhov (Plano Concerto No 2 in C minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Continuous Classics and Afternoon 3.00 Jame Crick. Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight, John Bruming presents the lettest stories 7.90 Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of soothing sounds 9.90 Evening Concert. Mozart (Trio in E flat major; Divertimento in D. Nannent; Rufe Quartet in C; Clarinet Culntet in A) 11.00 Michael Mappin. Wind down with the sound of ambient music 2.00em Concerto. Rachmaninov (Flano Concerto No 2 in C minor) (1 3.00 Merk Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show

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6.00em On Air with Petroc Trelawny, includes a review of ENO's new production of Wagner's Parsifal of ENO's new production of W directed by Nikolaus Lehnhoff

Grected by Nicolais Lethinot.

9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Copland (B salon Medc); Gneg (Plano Concerto in A minor); Bach (Cantata No 4: Christ lag in Todesbanden).

10.30 Artist of the Weel: Raphael Waliffsch All this week Joan Bakewell talks to the cellist.

11.00 Sound Stories: Exter Donald Macleodiels the common control of the cellist.

11.00 Sound Stories: Edites Donald Macleodiells the story of the great Roman poet Ovid
12.00pm Composer of the Weelc Antonin Dvorak
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchthre Concert Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Leon McCawley, piano. Mozart (Piano Sonata in E flat, K282); Chopin (Four Impormptus: in A flat, Op 29; in F sharp, Op 36, in G flat, Op 51; in C sharp minor, Op 66, Fantaisse-Impromptu); Scriebin (Five Preludes, Op 16; Piano Sonata No 4 in F sharp)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth, Anne Evans, soprano, Steven Isseria, cello
4.00 Opera in Action with Robert Lloyd
4.45 Music Machine Tommy Pearson reports from last year's Montreux, Jazz Festival in Switzerland (r)
5.00 in Tome Sean Rafferty explores the lively character and musical passions of Georges Auric

7.30 Performance on 3 BBC Philhermonic under ingo

7.30 Performance on 3 BBC Philhermonic under ingo Metzmacher, Peter Donohoe, piano. The final concert in the Royal Northern College of Music's week-long Henze Festival, given lest November in the presence of the composer. Besthoven (Symphony No 7 in Al; Henze (Piano Concerto No 1, first UK performance; Symphony No 8)
8.55 Postscript Arta Each night this week, Peggy Reynolds unravels the dramatic, musical and emotional impact of a favourite operatic aria. (r)
9.25 Mitzl Meyerson The second of two short recitals 10.00 Voices Sir Richard Eyre, former director of the Royal National Theatre, talks to lan Burnside
10.45 Mibring It with Mark Russett and Robert Sandali 11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton talks to the Canadian singer and pianist Diana Krall
12.00am Composer of the Week (Telemann (r) 1.00 Through the Night Includes 1.00 Vienna Sextet. Strauss (Pellude: Capriccio), Zeminsky (Two Movements) Komgold (Sextet), Josef Strauss (Dynamiden Waltz) 2.20 Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1) 3.10 Cherubini (Requiem Mass No 1) 4.00 Pagarini (Sonata Concertata) 4.25 Neumann (Symphony from the opera Cora) 4.35 Noskowski (The Steppes) 5.15 Weber (Piano Sonata No 4) 5.35 Szokolay (Hommage to Bartok)

RADIO 4

30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 40 inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith 6.00 Today With Sue MacGregor and Edward Stourtor 9.00 Start the Weak Hosted by Jeremy Parman 9.46 (FM) Sertait Planet of the Blind Part one. Stephen Kuusisto's autobographical tale of common un writend short

growing up without sight

9.45 (LW) Daily Service With the St Peter's Consort.
Director of music John North

10.00 Woman's Hour weth Martha Keamey and guests.
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12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.30 Counterpoint Penultimate heat of the music quiz
2.00 The Anchers Yesterday's edition (r)
2.15 Afternoon Play; Praying Hands The experiences of three generations of women on a pligimage to Louries Durkly comic tale by GM Adams, with Arm Rye. Sarah Parks and Clare Jordan
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3.30 Science in the Antie Series profiling the work of amateur scientists, beginning with the discoveries of the part-time astronomer Guy Hurst (1/5) (r).

3.45 This Scientist is the Arma Massey narroles part 31 of the Control of C

of the history of Britain (r)
4.00 The Food Programme The changing face of the restaurant trade, as big businesses seek their cut

of the profits (r)
4.30 Turning World Jenn Murray and guests look at human interest stones from around the world

5.00 PM Presented by Clare English and Chris Lowe
6.00 Six O'Clock Nows
6.30 Just a Minute Derek Nimmo, Clement Freud,
Tony Slattery and Stephen Frost try to speak for
60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or
deviation at St James's Concert Hall, Guernsey
7.00 The Archers
7.15 Front Row Mark Lawson meets the acclaimed
Scottish crime-water tan Rankin

7.15 FTON How main Lawson meets the accusined Scottish crime-winder lan Rankin 7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Environmental drama by Tim Jackson, starring Rachel Altrins and Ian Pepperell. See Choice (r) 8.00 Two Files on the Wall David Stafford goes habited the engine of a choice of

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which parents influence their children's behaviour s.co Nature Julian Hector marvels at the resilience of the world's ducks. Tough Ducks s.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (r) 10.00 The World Tonight Presented by Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtimer. Post Captain Patrick Malahide reads part one of Patrick O'Brien's historic spatance must

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11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Lord Ashley champions the cause of the Disability Law Service (r)

11.02 Late Night on 4: Fear on 4 — The Blood of Eva Bergen By Paul Sirett. A piantst falls for a musician haunted by his former lover. With John Church, Tilly Gaunt and Giles Fagan

11.30 (FM) Airs of England Richard Coles explores victional English music (r)

11.30 (LW) Today in Partisment Political news

12.00am News 12.30 The Late Book: All Points North Poet Simon Armitage reads from his book of wry reports on life in his home village of Marsden, West Yorkshire (r)

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12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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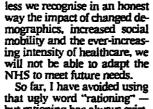
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ual, and particularly for a politician, to suggest that the NHS in its present form cannot continue to meet the reasonable expectations of all patients. But the intensity of medical care is



but rationing has always exist-ed and will increasingly exist. To stay as we are will mean the provision of healthcare free of charge for those who have the stamina and endurance to arrive at the front of an increas ingly lengthy queue. For those without stamina (and without financial means to access private care) healthcare provision can only deteriorate.

It is, of course, one thing to point out the increasing dilemma we face: and quite another to suggest a better way forward. Experience in the US of a "mixed system" of state provision (Medicare and Medicaid) with insurance is not wholly reassuring. While the quality of healthcare provision is undoubtedly high, the economic cost is even greater. The open-

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market situation has led to the oversupply of medical practitioners, the construction of too many clinics and the provision of excess facilities in terms of supporting technology (for example, the wish of every hospital to have an MRI scanner). Worse still, the litigious nature of American healthcare encourages an excessive use of diagnostic facilities and laboratory procedures. Malpractice insurance in certain parts of the country and in certain specialisms is now available only at a premium of \$200,000 per annum.

Looking in a different direction. Singapore has been more successful in developing a "mixed system". The financing philosophy of Singapore's healthcare delivery system is based on individual responsibility, coupled with government subsidies to keep basic healthcare affordable. The key principle is one of co-payment that applies even to the most heavily subsidised wards or services. Patients pay part of the cost of medical services that they use, and pay more when they demand or elect for

a higher level of service.



Barnes: what is reasonable?



A sitcom that sank on its Atlantic crossing

difference British and American sit-coms is that we can't do "bland" and they can. Our best shows are always based on characters teetering over an abyss of misery, desperation or chaos. They are written by one, at the most two, individual geniuses. They have short runs, each show as lovingly crafted as a Chippendale TV and

video cabinet. Successful American sitcoms, by contrast, are usually upbeat and cheerful, assembled by highly 'managed' teams, under a ferocious quality control system. This ensures the correct number of wisecracks, neatly co-ordinated with the ad breaks. Sugary sentiment and piquant satire are added in like dollops of sauce on a burg-er. When our stuff gets bland, comfy or, worst of all, wry, the jokes become pallid and feeble or disappear altogether.

So it was intriguing to see a

cross-over show with a comfy in origin, they have no observ-American series re-written for ational bite and we don't get the American series re-written for Britain by local writers. Days Like These (ITV, Friday) is set in Luton in 1976 and revolves around a bunch of happy-go-lucky young-sters discovering life, love and smoking the odd joint.

In the event, the only aspect of real 1970s life the show evokes is an American sitcom of that period, or earlier, Happy Days perhaps, or The Monkees. The sets look gaudy and false. The costumes have probably been carefully re-searched, but they look false too, as if they come from the same agency as Vanessa's guests and are only pretending to be groovy

1970s rags.
Like most dull sixtoms, the show is remorselessly suburban, without satirising suburban life. There is no interesting engagement with real experience. The situations are plausible enough, but because they are all small-town American

pleasure of remembering the oddities of our past. It is set in Luton but it feels like Nowhereville, Nowhereshire, Noland,

Even the American slickness seems to have got lost on the voyage. It would be unfair to say it is never funny. I managed a wan laugh or two. But why on earth couldn't they commission writers who could write with real wit about what it was like to be young here 23 years ago? A few of them are still alive, I believe.

henever some crime or misdemeanour is expo-V sed, we can safely assume that it is the tip of an iceberg most of which lurks beneath the surface of public knowledge. And heaven knows how often talk show hosts such as Vanessa and Trisha haven't had a clue that some of their guests were fake.





Paul Hoggart

If researchers use agencies to supply "real" human-interest stories on demand, it simply invites corruption, as producers teams well know. But that is not the root of it. Low budgets, short preparation time, huge pressure to deliver ratings, desperate, sloppy. copy-cat programming; these are the causes of fake television. If it doesn't exist already, there will soon be an agency offering offthe-peg docusoap scenarios, comp-lete with loveably outrageous characters. For a modest sum you will be able to film anything from the staff of a downmarket campsite to a troupe of transvestite strippers. Just don't ask too many

There were moments during Love Town (BBCI, Sunday) when the off-the-wall jollity of the couples who had gone to Gretna Green to be married seemed 50 forced and contrived that I began to think they must have been supplied by an agency. But then I was reassured by the thought that if they had been fakes they would probably not have been so dispirit-

ingly dreary.

We saw them going into the bathroom, coming out of the bathroom, preparing a wretched selection of snacks in a caravan, trying on kilts in the kilt-hire shop, walking up the gloomy, overcast High Street looking for witnesses.

married without telling her parents returned to Wales to break the news, I was certain they were reenacting their touching reunion.

he loveable eccentric was Jim, a tediously self-conscious fake blacksmith who performs the "anvil wed-dings" at Gretna Hall. His patter is perfectly geared to the coach parties of pensioners who troupe through between "marriages", but he obviously hopes the series will bring him more exciting bookings. If Boyz Unlimited feels like a

send-up of a send-up. Love Town just feels like a send-up. "It's ten o'clock and Robert and Sonia are still eating breakfast." That sort of thing. Genuine fake actors would probably be more interesting.

Trust Me I'm A Doctor (BBC2).

which returned on Friday is another cheap and cheerful series.

Several of them cackled a lot. I don't expect it will attract high When the woman who had got ratings, but at least it proves that ratings, but at least it proves that you can make an informative. lively and challenging programme

on a low budger.

Perky doctor Phil Hammond's main subject this week was the treatment for rectal cancer, which I realise does not make wholesome family entertainment, especially the close-ups of excised growths. A form of surgery, pioneered in England and now used widely abroad, reduces the risk of an untreatable recurrence from over 30 to about 5 per cent. Yet only a minority of British doctors use this technique, and many patients continue to die unnecessarily.

Hammond also asked why herbal drugs with negligible sideeffects, used successfully in Germany to treat depression and dementia, were almost unknown here. I wish him a good run before an agency starts offering off-thepeg medical outrages.

6.00am 5 News and Soort Headlines, sport

7.00 WideWorld The lowdown on atoms, molecules and proteins (r) (T) (6845979)

7.35 Wimzie's House (r): 5 News Update

8.30 Dappledown Farm (r); 5 News Update

9.00 Was It Good for You? (r) (4856202)

runaway truck (T) (1943134)

9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6936641)

10.20 Sunset Beach Sean saves Emily from a

and business (6470738)

7.30 Milkshake! (7195973)

8.00 Havakazoo (r) (4873979)

(3090405)

11.10 Leeza (4352757)

6.00am Business Breakfast (60757)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (62806) 9.00 A Morning with EastEnders (6097573). 9.05 Kilroy (T) (1528689) 9.45 Live EastEnders Phone-In (5827047)

9.50 Potted Reels (T) (5808912) 10.00 The Vanessa Show (T) (5030195) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (6450844) 11.00 EastEnders Pub Quiz (1) (8356405)

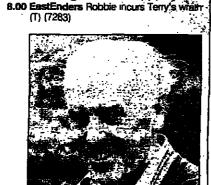
11.10 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook (1) (T) (6456028) 11.40 Live EastEnders Phone-In (3509775) 11.50 EastEnders Exclusive (1) (1621196) 11.55 News; Weather (1) (1620467) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (77825)

12.30 Wipeout (1813329) 12.55 The Weather Show (I) (48186931) 1.00 One O'Clock News (I) (12383) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (47815399)

1.40 Neighbours (T) (25794554) 2.05 ironside (r) (3841115) 2.55 Body Spies (5195405)

3.25 CBBC: Playdays (6018134) 3.45 Littlest Pet Shop (2902318) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (3042009) 4.10 Pocket Dragon Adventures (4922399) 4.20 Anthony Art (6546009) 4.35 Misery Guts (5880399) 5.00 Newsround (2320467) Rewind (2320467) 5.10 Blue Peter (6972009).

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (813028) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (1) (776) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (888) 7.00 This is Your Life (T) (1863) 7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck (T) (912).



8.30 Dad The day of Bran's heart operation arrives Last in series (T) (6318) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Weather (T) (8134) 9.30 Animal Police Trainee Dave Smith scrapes a place on an RSPCA field

training course (22863) 10.00 Panorama Are some Labour politicians being undermined by the party hierarchy? (T) (661047)

10.45 The Babysitter's Seduction (1996) Premiere. Threer, starting Kerl Russell as a naive babysitter drawn into a sinister plot by her employer. Directed by David Burton Moms (T) (8590318)

12.10am in Defence of a Married Man (1990) A lawyer defends her husband on a murder charge. Starring Judith Light a murder charge. Starring Judith Light. Directed by Joel Olinsky (T) (\$100697) 1.40 Weather (8436055)

1.45 BBC News 24 (70151142) 10.00 Labour of Love (1.6) (78554) 10.30 Panorama (T) (517912) 11.15 FILM: The Babysitter's Seduction (T) (472950) 12.40am FILM: In Defence of a Martied Man (T) (2521326) 2.10 Naws (T) (6041005) 2.15-6.00

7.00em Children's BBC Breakfast Show: Detri Children's BBC Breakfast Show: The Family Ness (3146554) 7.05 Telépubbles (6064196) 7.30 Snorks (2924329) 7.50 Blue Peter (6829283) 8.20 Taz-Mania (7935844) 8.40 Polika Dot Shorts (3914692) 8.50 Romueld the Reindeer (3910776) 9.00 Spece Ark (5934739) 9.10 Short Circuit (4741689) 9.30 Widther and Efficience (79251416 9.45 9-30 Writing and Pictures (1826134) 9.45 Storytime (1821689) 10.00 Teletubbies (80196) 10.30 Words and Pictures (2811283) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (2816738) 11.06 Look and Read (4115509) 11.20 Zig Zag (8100115) 11.40 Landmarks (4491641) 12.05pm History File (1732842) 12.30 Working Lunch (43711) 10.0 Remunish the Palestone (144 90701)

1.00 Romuald the Reindeer (94169221) 1.10 The Travel Hour (r) (9823283) 2-10 Sporting Greats (61979592) 2.40 News; Weather (1) (3231370) 2.45 Match of Their Day (6/16) (T) (2788912)

3.25 News; Weather (T) (7608450) 3.30 Awash with Colour New :series. The Artist Dermot Cavanagh travels through Ireland (134)

4.00 Kaye New series. Presented by Kaye 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook New series. Cookery challenge show (T) (6192592) 4.55 Esther New series. Studio debate hosted by Esther. Rantzen (T) (3436573)

5.30 Today's the Day New series (I) (405) **6.00 The Simpsons** (r) (T) (874405) 6.20 The Simpsons (r) (T) (878221) 6.45 Hit, Miss or Maybe (r) (T) (936979)



ance in The Blue Room (7pm)

7.00 The Laurence Olivier Awards Clive Anderson hosts the ceremony where Kidman for The Blue Room, Kevin Spacey for The Iceman Cometh and the musical Saturday Night Fever (T) (5776)

8.00 ENOICE Raising the Roof Undercover exposures of crooked businesses (4/6) (T) (5825) 8.30 Food and Drink Ken Hom prepares for the Chinese New Year (T) (7660)

9.00 Red Dwarf Holly's invention hurls the crew into a parallel universe (r) (1) (6776) 9.30 The League of Gentlemen The last of the comedy series (6/6) (T) (20405) 10.00 If I Ruled the World Political cornedy

quiz, with Clive Anderson (76196) 10.30 Newsnight (1) (515554) 11.15 Bookmark: Irls Murdoch, A Certain

Lady Tribute to the late its Murdoch; Weatherview (398009) 12.00am Despatch Box Political news (64697) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Behind a Mask 1.30 The York Mystery Plays 2.00 Schools: Ghostwriter 4.00 Languages: Suenos — World Spanish 5-8 5.00 Business and Training: Skills for Work — Getting into Europe 5.45 Open University: Pilgrimage — The Shrine at Loreto 6.10 Frederick the Great and Sans

Souci 6.35 Taking Note

5.30em ITN Morning News (81937) 6.00 GMTV (8618806) 9.25 Trisha (T) (5349931) 10-30 This Morning (T) (11453738) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7022467) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (T) (43757)

1.00 Shortland Street Ellen's mother walks out on her (94641). J.30 Home and Away Robert makes his presence let (T) (93298)
2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (5767370)
2.45 Supermarket Sweep (T) (291486)
3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (9408432)

3.20 HTV News (T) (2658955) 3.25 CITV: Cartoon Time (6003202) 3.45 Captain Pugwash (3046825) 4.00 Oggy and the Cockroaches (3235776) 4.20 it's a Mystery (3211196) 4.45 Sabrina the

Teanage Witch (5804979)
5.10 WEST: Getaways Gill Impey visits the Highbridge Secret World animal rescue centre (r) (T) (9112399)

5.10 WALES: Moneyspinners Fire brigade memorabilia (1) (9112399) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (T) (444047) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (786776) 6:25 WALES: Wates Tonight; Weather (T) (623844)

6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (232252) 6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (I) (196) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (810592)

7.00 Wish You Were Here? Anthea Turner visits Ayers Rock in the Australian Outback (T) (6931) 7.30 Coronation Street Lorraine and Linda



Peter McGrane learns the outcome of his job interview (8pm) n Staff nurse Pe McGrane discovers whether or not he's got the permanent job (5/6) (T) (2979) 8.30 Carol Vorderman's Better Homes The team visit Cornwall (7/10) (1) (1486)

9.00 CROICE Forgotten Psychological drama set in a sleepy Colswolds town (1/3) (T) (8486) 10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (96950) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (830405) 10.40 Nash Bridges Old acquaintance Rick Bettina, now a bounty hunter, turns up

out of the blue (1) (623912) 11.40 Midnight Caller One of Jack's regular callers "witnesses" a murder in her apartment (776863) 12.40am Football Extra Football League highlights (2827852)

1.40 World Football (r) (6148054) 2.10 The Pit and the Pendulum (1961) Vincent Price plays a 16th-century nobleman who turns the lables on two lovers out to drive him mad. Horror, with Barbara Steele and John Kerr, Directed by Roger Corman (6342149)

3.35 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (1) (9408158) 4.35 ITV Nightscreen Behind the scenes of TTV programmes (94891018) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (22852)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except. 12.20pm-12.30 Central News; Weather (T) (8421393) 1.00 High Road (94641) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (1518660) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (T) (292115) 3.20-3.25 Central News (T) (2658955) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9112399) 6.25-7.00 Central News; Weather (T) (623844) 10.30-10.40 Central News; Weather (T) (630405) 10.40 Videotech: Brits Nominations Special (r) (889776) 11.10 Nash Bridges (T) (409554) 12.10am-12.45 Short Story Cinema (2348719) 4.30 Central Jobinder '99 (T) (8970245) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (7250500) Eye (7250500)

WESTCOUNTRY

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ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8433134) 12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (8421399) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1) (9112399) 5.59 Anglia Weather (1) (415776) 6.00 Anglia News (1) (737486) 6.50-7.00 Take it On (543318) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (935641) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather (1) (830405) 11.40 Renegade (560757) 12.30am-12.40

Starts: 5.55am Sesame Street In (47094937) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (34013592) 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast; (T) Saved by the Bell (29425950) 9.30 Sam and Max (10195283) 9.55 Eerie, Indiana: The Other Diл (10103202) 10.25 Boy Meets World (T) (57190370) 10.50 Moesha (r) (T) (50846202) (3/19/37/0) 11.20 Madison (53/104660) 11.45 The Bigger Breakfast (59/14221) 12.00pm Right to Reply (T) (294/12486) 12.30 Sesame Street (T) (38050573) 1.00 Planed Plant (T) (34023979) 1.30 Classic Aircraft (8/8) (T) (38059844) 2.00 Time Team (T) (79761405) 3.00 The Lost Gardens of Heligan (6/6) (r) (T) (64465950) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (81955757) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (81967592) 4.30 The Montel Williams Show (T) (81963776) 5.00 Planed Plant (64444467) 5.30 Countdown (T (81954028) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (T) (54259950) 6.10 Heno (1) (16132757) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (T) (64457931) 7.30 Newyddion (T) (81964405) 8.00 Dudley (T) (64473979) 8.30 Pwy Di Pwy? (T) (64452486) 9.00 Y Byd Ar Bedwar (T) (40574080) 9.30 Sgorio (T) (56882028) 10.35 FILM: Blame It on Rio (13232196) 12.30am Rising Damp (47479784) 1.00 in Search of Law and Order (1/3) (49998500) 2.00 Diwedd

DEMNIE 4 5.30am Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3771738)

5.45 The Pink Panther Show (9980825) 5.55 Sesame Street (3520931) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (99196) 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast; Saved by the Bell (80399)

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11.20 Madison (4810757) 11.45 The Bigger Breakfast (8511486) 12.00pm Sesame Street (T) (93863) 12.30 Bewitched (r) (T) (43739)

1.00 Pet Rescue Highlights (T) (92283) 1.30 Travelog Treks Odessa (47822689) 1.45 Laughter in Paradise (1951) Comedabout a deceased practical joker's four legacies, each with a sling in its tail. Directed by Mano Zampi (T) (54286196)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (202) 4.00 Ftfteen-to-One (T) (739) 4.30 Countdown (T) (5874738)

4.55 Montel Williams (1) (3421641) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (573) 6.00 Roseanne (r) (7) (486)

6.30 Hollyoaks Finn and Carol are reunited 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (391028) 7.50 Zoom Profile of the top designer John Galliano (1) (937028)

8.00 Riddle of the Skies An English photographer claims to have definitive video footage of a UFO (3/3) (T) (9592) CHOICE Cutting Edge Visitors to Clapham Common share their views on life (T) (6028)



Johnson and Michael Caine (10pm)

10.00 Blame It on Rio (1983) A man has a ting with his best kiend's teenage daughter while on holiday in Rio de Janeiro Comedy, starring Michael Caine. Directed by Stanley Donen (T) (487955)

11.55 Shooting Gallery: A-Z (964221) 12.15am The Hull to Hornsea A journey along a disused railway track (2992500)

12.25 Wee Three A too of trouble-makers become trapped (2983852) 12.35 Spindrift The experiences of two

homeless rent boys in London (8998448) 12.50 Bolt A singer scores a lucky break after berng shot (8802697) 1.10 Dispatches (r) (T) (7353177)

1.40 Powerhouse Highlights (8948036) 2.10 Right to Reply (r) (T) (7703177) 2.40 The Client Reggie defends a student accused of murder (r) (3679158)

3.30 The Singing Trophy Short film about an obsessed hunter (96042719) 3.50 The Courtneys of Curzon Street (1947) Drama telling the stones of vanous members of an upper-class

family and their romantic entanglements. Oirected by Herbert Wilcox (793528)

12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (4843738) 12.30 Family Affairs Cirve regrets his passionale outburst (r) (T), 5 News

Update (9888912)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Lauren lets on about Grant and Brooke (T) (6837950) . . 1.30 The Roseanne Show (9887283)

2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5033912) 2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine; 5 News Update (1686592) 3.30 Oh God! You Devil (1984) George

Burns, staming as both God and the Devil, battles to win the soul of a struggling rock musician. Comedy directed by Paul Bogart (1) (9670554) 5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T); 5 News Update (2849955)

6.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz 6.30 Family Affairs Roy abducts Claire (T)

(6281009) 7.00 5 News; Weather. Kirsty Young rounds up the day's stories (T) (5044028) 7.30 Malaysian Jungle Orphaned orang-

utans are given a second chance of survival in their natural habitat in the forests of Malaysia (T) (6203221) 8.00 Instant Gardens Jac Flower transforms

a garden, having only two days to breathe new life into the plot's nokety greenhouse, dilapidated pond and ugly oatio (2/14) (T) (5053776)

8.30 CROICE Animal ER New series Salisbury vets go about their business (1/6) (T) (5032283)
9.00 Prison of Secrets (TVM 1996)

Fact-based drama about a new convict in Fact-based drama about a new convict in a women's prison, who struggles to expose a corrupt system under which brutal guards demand sexual favours from her tellow inmates. Stephanie Zimbalist, Finola Hughes and Gary Frank star. Directed by Fred Gerber (T): 5 News Update (44361028)

10.40 Dr Fox's Chart Update (5959370)

10.45 Criminal Hearts (TVM 1995) A woman picks up a seemingly harmless hitch-hiker who is actually on the run from FBI agents out to frame him for murder. Romantic thriller, starring Kevin Dillon. Directed by Dave Payne (47995592)

12.30am Live and Dangerous All-night sports magazine (54649090) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H Wentworth gets a new governor, Dennis rescues

motionst in distress, and Mane resorts to 5.20 Russell Grant's Postcards Pinewood Studios (39795516)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (9762968)

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Recession is already upon us, says think-tank

By Our Economics CORRESPONDENT

THE economy is likely to be already in re-cession because of a fall in demand both at home and abroad, a leading think-tank said today. It also argued that there was little that the Chancellor can do in his March Budget to ease the slump this year. Oxford Economic Forecasting and the London Business School said the econo-

my is likely to contract in both the first and second quarters of this year, thus ful-

filling the definition of a "technical" reces-

sion. Growth for the year would be about 1992, with consumer demand "disappoint-0.4 per cent, compared with 2.5 per cent in 1998, it said.

The full-year forecast is broadly in line with forecasts by City economists but below the growth of between 1 per cent and

1.5 per cent predicted by the Treasury. With world trade growth falling from over 10 per cent in 1997 to around 5 per cent now, we expect net trade to cut another one percentage point off GDP growth in 1999," OEF said.

Domestic demand growth, too, had slowed sharply to its lowest level since ing, it said, predicting unemployment would rise from 4.6 per cent of the workforce now to 5.5 per cent by the end of the year and 6.2 per cent by the end of 2000. But, the forecast said, there were good

reasons for expecting the recession to be much milder than in 1990-91. Inflation was only a quarter the level of 1990, interest rates were already much lower than at the beginning of the last recession and household finances were not overstretched as they were a decade ago, which led to households cutting spending

to repay debt, it said. Interest rates should fall from the current level of 5.5 per cent to 5 per cent by the summer, it said, but there was no reason why rates could not go lower if activity turned out to be weaker than expected.

The OEF/LBS expects Gordon Brown's Budget on March 9 to be broadly neutral in fiscal policy terms with any headlinegrabbing tax cuts matched by increases

But the slowing economy would push public finances from a small surplus in the current fiscal year to sizeable deficits

over the next two years, it said. "Our forecasts suggest that, as long as the recession is shallow, the Government should be able to muddle through these fiscal challenges without having to raise taxes.

But with a more pronounced downturn, something could well have to give. It is ironic that by handing control of interest rates to the (Bank of England), the Chancellor may have lost room for manocuvre on fiscal policy too."

Germany will propose an institution to counteract erratic foreign exchange mar-kets when officials of the Group of Seven

industrialised countries meet in Bonn at the weekend. The plan, devised by Germany's Finance Ministry, envisages an institution composed of G7 finance ministers and central bank governors. It would watch for excessive swings in all financial markets, but especially in foreign exchange markets.

The ministry will suggest that the institution would convene to assess whether economic corrective measures were needed in the event of significant fluctuations in the foreign exchange markets. It might also consider fines for speculative trades.

British Steel poised to defy Schröder

By Paul Armstrong and Sigrid Aufterbeck

BRITISH STEEL threatens to ignite a row between Britain and Germany by launching a fresh bid for Salzgitter, the troubled German steel manufacturer, just one year after its original bid was scup-

pered by Gerhard Schröder. The German Chancellor led a vocal campaign against Brit-ish Steel's first bid for Salzgitter in January 1998, when he was state premier in Lower Saxony.

Threatened with deepening losses caused by depressed steel prices, Salzgitter was forced to search for an outside investor to avert collapse. British Steel and Voest Alpine, the Austrian steel group, were quick to respond, but Herr Schröder vetoed any deal and organised a state-sponsored rescue. He initiated a public ground that its foreign suitors planned to slash its workforce. Now the UK group is deciding whether to make a fresh of-

fer after learning last week that the German group was in merger talks with the Arbed steel company of Belgium.

A British Steel spokesman

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said: "It is potentially interesting news that a large proportion of the company may now be available. Whether we would want to take advantage of that is something I am less able to comment on."

But it is understood that British Steel remains attracted to Salzgitter and had its hopes rekindled by its willingness to negotiate with Arbed.

Salzgitter's share register now hosts NordLB, a publicly owned bank, as a 39 per cent shareholder and Niedersachsen Region, a state body, with 26 per cent. The remaining 35 per cent is controlled by private interests. "NordLB is known not to be interested in being a long-term investor in Salzgitter," one source said.

It was unclear at the weekend how far Arbed had prosed in its talks with S ter, with some analysts believing that the Belgian group was making its negotiations appear more advanced than they were. They said there were large ques-tion marks over Arbed's financial ability to buy Salzgitter, particularly because publicly owned German groups were

unlikely to want scrip in a foreign steel company. Salzgitter produces about

five million tonnes of steel a year, compared with Arbed's 20 million tonnes and British Steel's 16 million tonnes. The world's biggest producers. Nippon Steel of Japan and Posco of South Korea, are running at annual rates of about 26 million tonnes.

British Steel has cash reserves of about £400 million and an undrawn credit line of £200 million. Analysts said it would have little difficulty swallowing a mill of Salzgitter's size, although the market would be concerned about its lack of dividend cover. A wide belief that the compa-

ny will retain its dividend despite the brutal steel environment is cited as the key reason the stock not talling ther. Analysts are tipping British Steel to record a loss of up to £200 million in the year to March 31 despite making a £104 million first-half profit. The deficit is expected to rise

to as much as £300 million next year. But many are forecasting that a recovery in steel prices will foster a turnaround in earnings in 2001. The shares plunged from 172p in May to a low of 87p in December. They closed on Friday at 129p.



IG Metall, which represents 3.2 million metal and engineering workers, will give a mediator 48 hours to resolve its dispute

Germany faces strike deadline

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN FRANKFURT

GERMANY'S most powerful union yesterday moved closer to a national strike in a dispute over pay.

IG Metall, which represents

3.2 million metal and engineering workers, has demanded a pay rise of 6.5 per cent. Employers have offered 2.3 per cent plus up to 0.5 per cent in oneoff, profit-linked payments.

Yesterday the union said it would give a mediator just 48 hours to resolve the dispute. If this failed, and the odds are stacked heavily against Hans-Jochen Vogel, a former Justice Minister workers in the Baden-Wuerttemberg region. the powerhouse of German industry and home to Porsche and Audi, would be asked to vote in a strike referendum

prove, the strike could start early next month. Hundreds of thousands of

next week. If 75 per cent ap-

en part in work stoppages across the country in the past few days.
On Friday Gerhard Schrö
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der, the German Chancellor, sent a letter to both sides, warning them of the possible consequences of an open conflict at a time when the German economy is weakening. Herr Schröder is concerned

that the strike ballot is due to take place just before a meeting IG Metali members have tak- .. between the German Government and employers to draw up an employment pact, which is a central weapon in his fight against unemployment and fea-tured prominently in his election campaign last year.

Economists have voiced fears that widescale strikes

could wreck Herr Schröder's round-table Alliance for Jobs project, which aims to involve both employers and unions in efforts to cut the double-digit

unemployment rate. :

Crisis talks at Royal **Ordnance**

By MARTIN BARROW

UNIONS will today hold meetings with senior managers of British Aerospace to discuss the future of Royal Ordnance, the company's loss-making munitions subsidiary.

Representatives of Royal Ordnance's 4,000 workers from all ten UK plants have been summoned to a meet-

ing at Leyland, Lancashire. The talks take place amid grave concern over the future of the business. BAe has indicated that Royal Ordnance cannot survive for more than six months in its current form. A union source said: "Management are expected to give a pres-entation on the problems confronting the company and the steps the company thinks will be necessary to

avoid its collapse." BAe had hoped to merge Royal Ordnance in a joint venture with Germany's Rheinmetall. However, talks failed to make progress and BAe may soon close plants to stem losses. Last week Rheinmetall said it was interested in taking BAe said no formai propos-

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al had been received. The crisis arises from a decision by the Ministry of Defence to buy cheaper ammunition from overseas. Britain has cut annual spending on purchases from Royal Ordnance to £150 million from £350 million since BAe bought the business from the Government ten years ago.

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Electra investors seek bid strategy

BY ROBERT COLE, CITY CORRESPONDENT

chairman of Electra Investment Trust, will come under pressure this week to set out plans to enhance shareholder value as fears grow over the fate of 3i's proposed £1.2 billion takeover bid.

Shareholders hope that Mr Stoddart will identify an American counter bidder or outline plans to wind up the investment trust and return capital to investors Electra shares surged 120p to 670p last month when 3i.

the rival venture capitalist. said it was considering making an offer for Electra. However, 3i has yet to make a formal offer and relations between the two sides have

soured, narrowing the likeli-

hood of a friendly takeover or merger.
Disagreement between Elec-

MICHAEL STODDART, the tra and 3i centres on the continuing role of the Electra fund management team and on an accurate value for the trust. Electra managers are employed by Electra Fleming, which is jointly owned by the investment trust and by Robert Fleming, the investment group. 3i is concerned the value of Electra would be significantly impaired if it could not

> retain the management team. Alarmed by the threat of a fall in Electra shares should 3i fail to bid, investors want Mr Stoddart, who has deferred his retirement until the impasse is resolved, to set out alternative proposals at Wednesday's annual meeting in London.

Hundreds of anxious investors are set to attend, prompting Electra to switch the venue from the Howard Hotel to larger facilities at the Savoy.

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820,000 people. Yet as a business it is in trouble. So The Times has asked cap-tains of industry to say how problems. How can the NHS reconcile ever-increas Smited hadget? Can it pay for wonder drugs such as Viagra? This week in Business News respected execu tives from the private sec-

page 42, Str David Barnes, of AstraZenuca, makes a plea for a radical new way to fond the bealth service, while tomorrow Greg Dyke outlines his vision of bow the NHS must shape up to: the milennium.

Consumers urged to demand refunds

War on Windows

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

WHILE the US Justice Department duels with Bill Gates in the courts, a band of angry computer users will today start an Internet war on Microsoft. Organisers of the first ever Windows Refund Day have taken to the internet to urge computer buyers wordwide to demand a refund for unwanted software built in to most

new combuters. The organisers represent a coalition of consumer groups who lavour software other than Microsoft's Windows and resent paying for the program that is present on about 95 per cent of PCs. The refund day was in-

spired by the success of Geoffrey Bennett, an Australian computer systems manager. who last year get money back from Toshiba for the unwanted Windows that came with his new PC. Mr Bennett said: "I dicin't want to pay for a copy of Microsoft Windows if I wasn't going to use it. It adds to the price of a new computer

and is useless to me." After four months of arguing. Toshiba finally gave Mr Bennett a cheque for A\$110 (543.50) as a refund for the unloved Windows. Mr Bennett

thousands of people to his Internet website, which explains the problems he faced in getting a refund.

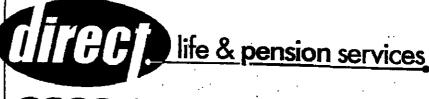
The refund day underscores the public relations problems Microsoft faces with consumers, as well as regulators. Mr Gates and his wife, Melinda, recently donated \$3.3 billion to health and education programmes for the world's poor, but the extraordinary philanthropy has been largely overshadowed by scattered out-breaks of consumer revolt and Microsoft's trial on charges of illegally crushing competition

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